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The passage of the Children First Act in 1988 ushered in a new generation of analysis and research about the overall quality and condition of education in Louisiana. As the national reform of education continues to evolve, Louisiana is steadfast in its commitment to quality education and school accountability.

Progress Profiles (School Report Cards, District Composite Reports, and the State Report) provide information about schools to parents and the general public, provide a basis for educational planning, and increase educational accountability at all levels. By providing policy makers, parents, and other interested citizens valuable information on the inputs, processes, and outcomes of public education, these documents also offer a valuable resource for advancing school improvement.

The Progress Profiles Program, which is administered by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE), Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources, was founded on the premise that educational improvement is most successful when parents, school staff, and policy makers have access to accurate information on a wide range of factors believed to influence student learning. The indicators included in the *Progress Profiles* were carefully selected because they:

- have been demonstrated through school effectiveness research to be related to student learning;
- represent key features of schooling that can be influenced by parents, school staff, and policy makers, and thus are useful for school improvement purposes; and
- yield the maximum amount of accurate and essential information possible without posing undue reporting burdens at either the school or district level.

To offer the most comprehensive overview possible and serve the specific needs of varied audiences, three levels of reporting are provided.

- 1. *School Report Cards* are tailored to the needs of parents and the general public. For 1997-98, *School Report Cards* were produced for **1,414 of 1,445** public elementary, middle/junior high, high, and combination schools statewide.
- 2. District Composite Reports are produced for all 66 Louisiana public school districts. The most detailed and comprehensive of the three levels of reporting, these reports offer local and state-level policy makers longitudinal data.
- 3. The *Louisiana Progress Profiles State Report* is best suited to the needs of the general reader because it provides a succinct overview of the major characteristics of Louisiana education based on *School Report Card* findings.

"Any effort to improve schools must be designed to meet the goal of creating an active, thinking curriculum in specific disciplines, and success should be judged by whether increasing numbers of students reach agreed-upon performance standards."

-Bill Honig

Phi Delta Kappan, June 1994

### Purpose of the District Composite Report

The purpose of the *District Composite Report* is to provide information relevant to the condition of education in Louisiana. This report provides detailed longitudinal information on various indicators as well as analysis of data where feasible. It serves as an effective tool to aid policy makers and district administrators in identifying opportunities for school improvement.

### **Organization of this Report**

The summary tables following this introduction offer district-level information for all indicators. In addition to quick-reference tables at the front of this report, district socioeconomic and demographic data are provided to aid readers. Financial information is included to give a more complete picture of Louisiana school districts.

The remainder of the report is organized into five parts, each encompassing a series of related educational indicators.

- Part 1. District Summary. School performance is influenced by community socioeconomic characteristics and by the level of local financial support for public education. Part 1 therefore presents parish (as opposed to district) demographic and socioeconomic indicators ranging from household income distribution and teen pregnancy rate to district revenue, expenditures, and average teacher salaries. District summary tables of all *Profile* indicators also are provided in Part 1.
- Part 2. School Characteristics. The context within which students are educated and the level of educational resources available to them impact learning. Part 2 focuses on key educational "inputs" and resources at the school level, i.e., the size of the student body and faculty, the school's category (e.g., elementary schools, middle schools, etc.), class sizes, and the academic preparation of faculty.
- Part 3. Student Participation. For students to receive an education, they must first have the opportunity to learn; thus, the extent to which students are present and actively engaged in schooling is of vital importance (Oakes, 1989). Part 3 presents

- three indicators that provide some measure of student participation: attendance, suspensions/expulsions, and dropouts.
- Part 4. Student Achievement. Part 4 reports three types of school-level outputs: student performance on 1) reading level evaluation results for grades 2 and 3, which assess students' ability to read and comprehend on grade level, 2) criterionreferenced tests (CRTs), which measure students' performance on state-prescribed curricula, and 3) norm-referenced tests (NRTs), which indicate how Louisiana students compare with other students nationally. The Reading Level Evaluation Results reported on the School Report Cards are based on the assessment conducted on second and third grade students by their teachers at each profile school. The CRT results reported on the School Report Cards are based on student performance on Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) tests administered at the third, fifth, and seventh grade levels and on the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE), which is administered in grades 10 and 11. The NRT results, which are also part of LEAP, reflect student performance utilizing two tests: 1) The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) which is administered for grades 4, 6, and 8, and 2) The Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) which is administered for grades 9, 10, and 11.
- Part 5. College Readiness. One goal of elementary-secondary schooling is to ensure that those students seeking an advanced education are adequately prepared for college. The School Report Cards present two indicators of college readiness:

  1) student performance on the American College Test (ACT), a national test commonly used for college placement purposes, and 2) the percentage of high school graduates who take remedial courses as first-time college freshmen.

A brief narrative, organized as follows introduces each indicator presented in this report:

 an introduction to the indicator and its significance in the study and/or promotion of student learning;

- a description of how data are organized in the accompanying table(s);
- a description of how data appear in the School Report Cards:
- definitions of key terms, where applicable;
- formulas/equations used to calculate statistics, where applicable; and
- the source(s) of the data presented.

A glossary at the end of this report provides operational definitions for key terms.

### **School Categorization**

The mission, organizational structure, and outcomes of schooling vary depending on the level of instruction (i.e., elementary, middle, etc.) (Levine & Lezotte, 1990). In recognition of this, the Profiles Program began in 1993-94 to group schools into four reporting categories based on level of schooling: elementary, middle/junior high, high, and combination (i.e., K-12).

Category comparison statistics are presented by district and for the state as a whole for those indicators that are not reported by grade level; these include class size, attendance, suspension, and expulsion. This homogeneous grouping of schools by level of instruction fosters probably the fairest comparisons; however, district and statewide comparison statistics also are provided.

<u>Note:</u> Category comparison statistics are provided for only those indicators that are reported at the school level. There are no category statistics for the testing and dropout indicators, which are reported by grade level and therefore have even greater comparability than those performance data that are reported by category.

All schools receiving 1997-98 School Report Cards are placed into one of four categories:

- *elementary*—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-8 range, excludes grades in the 9-12 range, and does not fit the definition for middle/junior high.
- *middle/junior high*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 4-9 range, includes grades 7 or 8, and excludes grades in the K-3 and 10-12 ranges.
- *high*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 6-12 range and includes grades in the 10-12 range, or any school that contains only grade 9.
- *combination*—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-12 range and is not described by any of the above definitions. These schools generally contain some grades in the K-6 range and some grades in the 9-12 range. Examples would include grade structures such as K-12; K-3, 9-12; and 4-6, 9-12.

If a school has been re-categorized due to a change in grade structure, that school's longitudinal data will appear in more than one category. For example, if Central High School had grades 9-12 from 1990-91 through 1992-93, its longitudinal data for those years would appear in the high school category. If Central High School became a K-12 school in 1993-94, its data in 1993-94 and thereafter would appear in the combination school category.

As a convenience to readers, the data tables that are organized by category are cross-referenced. In the above example, the high school category data would refer readers interested in Central High's longitudinal performance to the combination category data and vice versa.

# **Demographic Indicators Associated With Educational Attainment**

Research has shown that demographic and socioeconomic variables affect student achievement. An analysis of the background characteristics of the student population places the school performance indicators in their broader context and helps shed light on the degree of difficulty that certain school districts or states experience in educating their particular student populations. In other

words, inclusion of the demographic indicators in Part 1 provides a context for interpretation of the outcomes.

The *District Composite Report* presents the following socioeconomic and demographic information at the parish (not district), state and national levels:

- education attainment,
- labor force breakdown,
- unemployment rate,
- · per capita income,
- household income distribution,
- population by race,
- single parent households,
- all persons living below the poverty level, and
- teen pregnancy rate.

The data are supplied by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and Northeast Louisiana University Center for Business and Economic Research.

### **District Financial Overview**

There are many factors which contribute to the overall profile of a school district. Financial information is one of the vital factors which are part of that profile. Inclusion of this information in Part 1 helps the reader understand how a public school district functions, and it provides additional context for the interpretation of educational indicators.

# Longitudinal Analysis: Tracking School Progress Over Time

By law, the Progress Profiles Program is required to present six years of data (the current year and the five previous years). These longitudinal school-level data are presented in the *District Composite* 

Report. Each year, the Composite Reports are updated by adding the most current year's data and deleting the data that are more than six years old. The School Report Cards and Progress Profiles State Report, on the other hand, present only the most current year of data so that parents and policy makers who want a very concise and current snapshot of education performance need not wade through voluminous amounts of information.

Incorporating longitudinal data in the *District Composite Report* enables policy makers to anticipate changes in educational outcomes, not just describe them (Smith, 1988). However, longitudinal reporting does complicate the presentation of data. To assist policy makers in interpreting data, tables in the *District Composite Report* have been formatted as follows:

- 1. Cross-sectional data (i.e., for any given year) are presented vertically in columns. School-to-school comparisons can be made within any given year by scanning up and down columns.
- 2. Longitudinal data are presented horizontally in rows. An individual school's progress on any single variable can be charted over time by scanning left-to-right across columns.
- 3. Schools are listed in *sequential order*, based on school site code and school category.
- 4. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data are shaded as a reminder that 1995-96 was the first year that *Progress Profiles* data were extracted from the Student Information System (SIS), establishing a new baseline year for *Profiles* reporting purposes. **Comparisons between the 1995-96** and subsequent years to previous years' data are strongly discouraged (see box on next page).

All longitudinal tracking of individual schools should be conducted with caution. Because schools, like other organizations, are constantly evolving, a school's name and/or grade configuration may change over time. Such changes may or may not signal a major change in the character of the school.

To facilitate longitudinal tracking of individual schools, the six-digit site codes that the LDE assigns to all public schools have been included in all tables. Barring a major change in grade structure at a school, these site codes remain constant over time and therefore are much more reliable identifiers than the school name itself.

In some instances, longitudinal data on a specific indicator are not available for every site due to school openings, closings, and/or reorganizations. Occasionally, an entire indicator may be added. For example, first-time college freshmen data were added to the *School Report Cards* in 1992-93. In instances such as these, the tilde symbol (~) represents "unavailable data."

Data sometimes are not strictly comparable from one year to the next due to changes in reporting periods, data sources, and/or revisions in indicator definitions. In these instances, the data are footnoted to alert the reader to use caution in drawing longitudinal comparisons.

# 1995-96 Was A New Baseline Year Comparisons With Prior Years Data Are Strongly Discouraged

Special caution is urged in comparing 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 performance information to data from prior years because the Progress Profiles Program underwent two major changes in 1995.

- 1. All 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 Student Participation data (i.e., attendance, suspensions/expulsions, and dropouts), some School Characteristics data (i.e., October 1 membership), and some College Readiness data (i.e., graduates) were taken from the student-level Student Information System (SIS). The SIS data are much more detailed and more precisely defined than the aggregated data collected in prior years. They are not comparable, however, to the school summary data reported prior to 1995-96.
- 2. All Student Participation indicators and most Achievement Indicators (i.e., norm- and criterionreferenced test results) have been expanded to include both regular and special education students. In previous years, these indicators were limited to regular education students.

As a special caution to readers, the columns of 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data are shaded. Data from prior years are presented only for the convenience of readers whose information needs are more historical than comparative.

### The Challenge: Accurate and Reliable Reporting

Measurement is a process involving both theoretical as well as empirical considerations. Most assuredly, research based on the inadequate measurement of indicators does not result in a greater understanding of the particular indicator (Carmines and Zeller, 1979). Though it is widely recognized that the best educational policy is made when officials have access to accurate information, the use of inaccurate or unreliable data is more dangerous than no information at all. Recognizing this, every effort has been made to ensure the reliability and validity of the data reported on the *Progress Profiles*. Toward that end, LDE and district staff examine each indicator through a meticulous data correction and verification process.

The Progress Profiles Program has grown substantially over the past several years. The LDE has executed an elaborate process for data verification and analysis to ensure that quality is an intrinsic part of each *Progress Profiles* report.

### **Satisfying the Need for Analysis**

Though all states have some form of educational performance indicator system, the criticism is often heard that too few do anything with the data. "The missing ingredient in most education indicator systems is analysis," notes Allen Odden. "Analysis is critical; it makes sense of the data, explores relationships among the inputs, processes, and outputs of the educational system, and makes policy recommendations for change" (Odden, 1990).

In keeping with national trends toward supplementing educational indicator systems with policy-relevant analysis, LDE staff research the relationships among various *School Report Card* indicators and explore their utility as predictors of student performance. The results of some analyses are presented in shaded boxes accompanying the narrative introduction to each indicator.

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LDE research offers statistical support for what teachers and other educators have long assumed: schools that display the highest level of student achievement are schools with a high percentage of student attendance, a low percentage of students suspended, and a low percentage of student dropouts (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

# Part 1. District Summary

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The socioeconomic and demographic composition of the parish may shed light on household situations and thus the educational system of a school district. Issues such as income, poverty rate, single parent households, and teen pregnancy affect family function, which is strongly linked to achievement. This section examines state- and national-level information for each parish socioeconomic and demographic indicator presented.

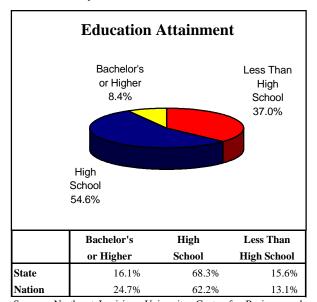
### **Definitions**

- *Education Attainment*—is divided into three levels:
  - 1. <u>Less than high school degree</u>: includes persons of compulsory school attendance age or above who are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates.
  - 2. <u>High school degree</u>: includes persons whose highest degree is a high school diploma or its equivalent and those who have attempted some college or have received an associate degree. Persons who completed the twelfth grade but did not receive a diploma are not included.
  - 3. <u>Bachelor's degree or higher</u>: includes those persons who have received a college, university, or professional degree.
- Labor Force—is divided into four categories:
  - 1. White collar: includes persons with executive, administrative, and managerial occupations; professional specialty occupations; technicians and related support occupations; sales occupations; and administrative support occupations, including clerical.
  - 2. <u>Blue collar</u>: includes persons with precision production, craft, and repair occupations; transportation and material moving occupations; positions held by machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors; and positions held by handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers.
  - 3. <u>Service & Other</u>: includes persons with private household occupations, protective service occupations, and other service occupations.

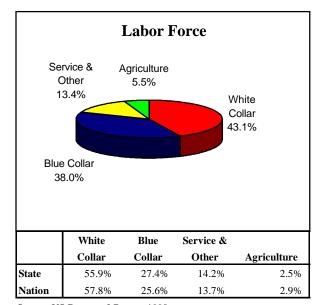
- 4. <u>Agriculture</u>: includes persons who perform farming, forestry, and fishing industry jobs.
- *Household Income Distribution*—is divided into seven major groups. The annual income range begins with below \$15,000 and ends with \$100,000 and above.
- Population by Race—is divided into three major groups, white, black, and "other." The "other" category consists of Native Americans and Asian/Pacific Islanders. It should be noted that, according to the 1990 Bureau of Census data, Hispanic origin can be viewed as the ancestry, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race and are therefore included in the categories of white, black, and "other."
- *Single Parent Household Rate*—is the number of single parent households divided by the total number of households.
- *Poverty Threshold*—is revised to allow for changes in the cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index. According to the 1990 Bureau of the Census data, the average poverty threshold for a family of four persons was \$12,674.
- *Teen Pregnancy Rate*—is the total number of teenage girls under the age of 19 divided by the total number of pregnant women.
- *Per capita income*—is the average income computed for every man, woman, and child in a particular group. The Census Bureau derived per capita income by dividing the total income of a particular group by the total population in that group (excluding patients or inmates in institutional quarters).
- Unemployment rate—is the total number of persons not working, who are available and seeking work, regardless of age, as a percentage of the civilian labor force. This is considered the official unemployment rate and is typically cited in comparisons.

### Acadia Parish Socioeconomic and Demographic Overview

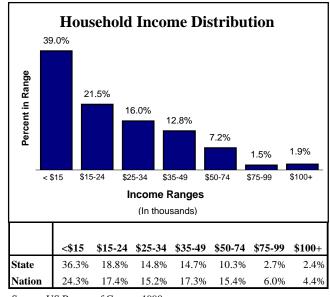
As each school district works toward its educational vision and goals, social and economic factors within the parish may directly or indirectly affect the educational experience of students. An overview of the relevant demographic and socioeconomic profile of each parish places the education indicator data presented in this report in the proper context. These data provide a socioeconomic and demographic profile of the parish as a whole, not the public school district. In preparing this section, every effort was made to obtain the most recent data available for each indicator.



Sources: Northeast Louisiana University, Center for Business and Economic Research and NCES, 1995.



Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.



Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.

Population by Race
Other
0.3%
Black
18.2%
White
81.5%

	White	Black	Other
State	67.3%	30.8%	1.9%
Nation	83.9%	12.3%	3.8%

Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.

Poverty Level					
	Parish	State	Nation		
All Persons Living Below Poverty Level	27.7%	23.6%	15.7%		

Source: Northeast Louisiana University, Center for Business and Economic Research, 1993.

Single Parenthood					
	Parish	State	Nation		
Single Parent Households	18.0%	19.1%	14.8%		

Source: US Bureau of Census, 1990.

Labor Related Statistics					
	Parish	State	Nation		
Per Capita Income 1	\$15,651	\$19,709	\$24,436		
Unemployment Rate 2	7.7%	6.6%	5.4%		

Sources: 1) Northeast Louisiana University, Center for Business and Economic Research, 1996. 2) Bureau of Labor and Statistics, US. Dept of Labor, 1996.

Teen Pregnancy					
	Parish	State	Nation		
Teen Pregnancy Rate	20.0%	18.9%	12.9%		
			1004		

Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, 1996.

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Financial information broadens the understanding of how public school districts function and provides additional context for the interpretation of educational indicators. The two major components of the financial information are revenues and expenditures.

### **Definitions**

- Revenues—are governmental funds appropriated for public education. Revenues are received from four main sources:
  - Local: monies collected directly by a district through taxes (ad valorem, sales, and use taxes), bonds, revenues from other local government units, tuition, transportation fees, earnings of investments, food service, and community service.
  - 2. <u>State</u>: monies received from the state government through Louisiana's Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula, grants-in-aid, and specific programs such as the Early Childhood Program.
  - 3. <u>Federal</u>: monies received from the federal government through a variety of programs such as Title I, Impact Aid Fund, Reserve Officer Training Corps Program (ROTC), Headstart Programs, School Food Service, Adult Basic Education, and Special Education.
  - 4. <u>District revenues per pupil</u>: total revenues divided by the adjusted October 1 funded student membership.
- Expenditures—are charges incurred, whether paid or unpaid, which benefit the current fiscal year. Total expenditures include the following categories:\*
  - 1. <u>Instructional Expenditures</u>: monies spent for classroom instruction, pupil support, and instructional staff support.

- Non-instructional expenditures: monies spent for school administration, business services, operations and maintenance, transportation, food services, enterprises, and community services.
- 3. <u>Facility Acquisition & Construction Services</u>: monies spent for activities concerned with acquiring land and buildings, remodeling buildings, constructing buildings and additions to buildings, initially installing or extending service systems and other built-in equipment, and improving sites.
- 4. <u>District expenditures per pupil</u>: total expenditures minus debt service divided by the adjusted October 1 funded membership.

Additional items frequently of interest to the public are average salary of full-time teachers and beginning teacher salary. Average salary calculations include full-time classroom teachers and librarians; special education teachers, aides, guidance counselors, and part-time teachers are not included. Beginning teacher salary is defined as the salary paid to a new teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience. This information is different from average salary of full-time teachers, which is an average of all teachers' salaries in the district.

Note: Some districts' financial data may be adjusted after the publication of this report due to audits. The financial information in this section is based on the December 1, 1998, figures provided by the Office of Management and Finance, LDE.

<sup>\*</sup> Debt service and other long-term obligations are not included in expenditure figures because these monies provide services during multiple years and should not be attributed to only one year.

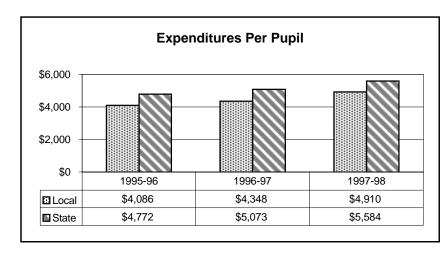
### Acadia Parish Financial Profile

	District Revenue by Source								
		1995-96			1996-97			1997-98	
Revenue		% of District	State		% of District	State		% of District	State
Source	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %
Local	\$9,234,499	20.4%	36.8%	\$9,750,087	19.9%	37.4%	\$10,735,346	20.2%	37.6%
State	\$27,109,909	59.9%	50.9%	\$29,918,947	61.1%	50.8%	\$33,064,865	62.2%	51.0%
Federal	\$8,907,920	19.7%	12.3%	\$9,313,980	19.0%	11.8%	\$9,377,145	17.6%	11.4%
Total	\$45,252,328	100.0%	100.0%	\$48,983,014	100.0%	100.0%	\$53,177,356	100.0%	100.0%

Adjusted October 1 Student Membership				
1995-96	1996-97	1997-98		
10,717	10,744	10,571		

Revenues Per Pupil						
1995-96   1996-97   1997-98						
Local	\$4,222	\$4,559	\$5,030			
State Average	\$4,981	\$5,296	\$5,818			

	Teacher	Salaries	
	Local Beginning	Local Average	State Average
Year	Salary	Salary	Salary
1995-96	\$18,379	\$23,023	\$26,800
1996-97	\$20,079	\$23,808	\$29,025
1997-98	\$21,479	\$25,744	\$31,131



	District Expenditures by Category           1995-96         1996-97         1997-98													
	1995-96						1997-98							
		% of District	State		% of District	State		% of District	State					
Expenditure Category	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %	Amount	Total	Average %					
Instructional Expenditures	\$28,353,551	66.3%	68.0%	\$30,170,736	66.0%	68.2%	\$33,175,354	68.0%	68.9%					
Non-Instructional Expenditures	\$14,396,006	33.7%	32.0%	\$15,564,966	34.0%	31.8%	\$15,616,298	32.0%	31.1%					
Subtotal	\$42,749,557	100.0%	100.0%	\$45,735,702	100.0%	100.0%	\$48,791,652	100.0%	100.0%					
Facility Acquisition & Construction Services	\$1,040,344			\$981,500			\$3,117,057							
Total Expenditures (excluding debt services)	\$43,789,901			\$46,717,202		-	\$51,908,709							

### Notes:

- 1. District financial data may be adjusted as a result of audits conducted by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- 2. Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.
- 3. Revenue per pupil and operating expenditure per pupil are based on adjusted October 1 funded student membership.

School Characteristics

			Schools in A	cadia Parish								
	1992-93 1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 1996-97 1997-98											
Schools in Acadia Parish												
October 1 Membership	10,671	10,692	10,733	10,659	10,651	10,469						
Number of Faculty	699 696 712 718 728 735											

Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher											
1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>4-95</b>	199	5-96	199	6-97	199'	7-98
Percent	Number	Percent	Percent Number Percent Number Percent Number Percent Number Percent N						Number		
27.29	27.29 188 25.07 172 23.90 168 26.14 183 26.17 185 24.08 173										177

Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

			Cla	iss Siz	ze Char	acteri	stics for	Grac	des K-1	Class Size Characteristics for Grades K-12									
	1992	2-93	1993	-94	1994	-95	1995	-96	1996	5-97	1997	-98							
	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent N	<i>Number</i>							
Class Size Characteristics for Grades K-12																			
Elementary Schools																			
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	20.76	93	26.78	124	27.99	131	20.45	99	31.07	165							
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	60.94	273	56.37	261	52.56	246	59.09	286	55.37	294							
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	18.30	82	16.85	78	19.44	91	20.45	99	13.56	72							
Middle/Jr. <u>High Schools</u>																			
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	25.06	101	31.30	113	41.19	173	40.91	171	48.08	200							
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	31.76	128	49.03	177	49.29	207	46.89	196	39.66	165							
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	43.18	174	19.67	71	9.52	40	12.20	51	12.26	51							
High Schools																			
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	31.94	229	33.79	249	34.98	262	41.10	328	46.27	403							
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	45.47	326	45.45	335	41.12	308	36.84	294	37.20	324							
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	22.59	162	20.76	153	23.90	179	22.06	176	16.53	144							
All Schools							,												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	29.57	482	26.98	423	31.13	486	34.58	566	35.18	598	42.24	768							
Class Size Range 21 - 26	47.55	775	46.36	727	49.52	773	46.49	761	45.65	776	43.07	783							
Class Size Range 27 or more	22.88	373	26.66	418	19.35	302	18.94	310	19.18	326	14.69	267							

Student Participation

			Student A	ttendance									
	1992-93   1993-94   1994-95   1995-96   1996-97   1997-98												
Percent of Student Attendance													
Elementary Schools	~	94.54	94.61	94.73	94.56	94.07							
Middle/Jr. High Schools	~	93.14	92.06	90.36	91.68	90.83							
High Schools	~	92.59	91.67	89.78	90.54	90.76							
All Schools	93.47	93.66	93.33	92.54	92.90	92.56							

	Student Dropouts											
	1992-93 <sup>3</sup> 1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 1996-97							1997-98				
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Student Dropouts												
Grade 7	0.42	4	0.31	3	0.21	2	2.18	20	2.15	19	1.86	16
Grade 8	1.14	10	0.93	8	0.23	2	5.09	43	3.93	34	4.34	35
Grade 9	2.45	23	2.22	21	1.42	14	11.31	103	12.29	117	11.51	111
Grade 10	1.69	11	1.85	14	1.08	8	7.90	58	7.40	49	9.70	67
Grade 11	2.17	14	2.38	14	0.90	6	10.64	70	6.72	45	5.41	33
Grade 12	1.08	6	2.11	12	2.57	14	6.58	39	5.20	31	6.98	42

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance definition was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.

Student Participation (Continued)

			_	Stu	dents Su	uspen	ded and	d Expe	elled			
	1992	2-93	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>1</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Students Suspended and Expelled												
Elementary Schools		ı										
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.71	165	3.68	220
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	2.19	132	3.36	203	6.03	378	6.20	377	5.79	346
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.02	1	0.07	4	0.03	2	0.07	4	0.02	1
Middle/Jr. <u>High Schools</u>												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	49.94	899	42.65	746
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	15.18	317	20.86	400	25.27	447	25.72	463	26.82	469
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	1.58	33	1.82	35	1.87	33	1.83	33	2.06	36
High Schools												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	24.36	842	23.36	813
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	11.63	367	14.98	490	19.48	679	19.04	658	22.01	766
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.79	25	1.31	43	1.20	42	1.22	42	1.24	43
All Schools												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.84	1,899	15.95	1,779
Suspended (Out of School)	6.91	786	7.23	816	9.73	1,093	13.07	1,500	13.23	1,492	14.17	1,580
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.35	40	0.52	59	0.73	82	0.67	77	0.70	79	0.72	80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Student Achievement

	Reading Level Evaluation Results											
	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97		1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 02											] .	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		813
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	66.67	542
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	32.96	268
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.37	3
Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 03											] .	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		778
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	35.73	278
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	64.27	500
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0

	Percent of Students Passing CRT and Number of Students						Tested					
	1992-93		1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995-96		<sup>2</sup> 1996-97		1997	-98
	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number
Criterion-referenced Test (CRT) Results - Grade 03												
Language Arts	95	780	96	751	94	776	95	786	92	780	94	772
Mathematics	98	768	97	749	97	770	97	783	97	775	95	769
Criterion-referenced Test (CRT) Results - Grade 05												
Language Arts	93	765	91	764	94	732	93	787	94	832	91	759
Mathematics	95	764	94	764	97	731	96	786	95	831	96	759
Criterion-referenced Test (CRT) Results - Grade 07					1							
Language Arts	86	764	86	732	89	701	90	813	93	789	92	751
Mathematics	81	755	77	731	77	699	86	810	91	786	90	749
Graduation Exit Exam (GEE) Results												
Language Arts	91	545	88	594	90	605	88	658	82	611	92	600
Mathematics	82	545	75	597	82	599	69	645	65	618	73	608
Written Composition	90	526	89	573	98	584	93	640	90	591	98	586
Science	86	533	88	487	84	522	81	550	78	596	84	537
Social Studies	90	532	91	477	87	522	91	548	82	597	89	539

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Effective in 1997-98, the Louisiana Legislature required each second and third grade teacher to report the number of students reading below grade level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

Student Achievement (Continued)

Percent of Students by National Quartiles and Percentile Rank of Average Standard Scores for National Student Norms - The Iowa Tests 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1993-94 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 04 Fourth Ouartile 8.8 Third Quartile 19.8 Second Ouartile 36.6 First Ouartile 34.8 Percentile Rank 37.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 06 Fourth Quartile 13.7 Third Quartile 24.4 Second Quartile 37.1 First Quartile 24.8 Percentile Rank 44.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 08 Fourth Ouartile 11.5 Third Ouartile 24.2 Second Ouartile 35.6 First Ouartile 28.7 Percentile Rank 41.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 09 Fourth Quartile 11.0 Third Ouartile 22.8 Second Quartile 33.6 First Ouartile 32.6 Percentile Rank 39.0 Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 10 Fourth Quartile 10.7 Third Ouartile 22.2 Second Quartile 32.1 35.0 First Quartile Percentile Rank 38.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Represents graduates from the previous school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

Student Achievement (Continued)

		Students by Nard Scores for	_			_						
	1992-93 1993-94 1994-95 1995-96 1996-97 1997-98°											
Norm-referenced Test (NRT) Results - Grade 11												
Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.8						
Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.3						
Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3						
First Quartile	~ ~ ~ ~ 37.6											
Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	36.0						

# College Readiness

	20112821	recieiti tess										
		Ameri	can College '	Test (ACT) R	esults							
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98						
Average Composite Score	18.8	18.7	19.1	18.4	18.8	18.9						
	First-time College Freshmen Performance											

	First-time College Freshmen Performance											
	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	1-95	1995	5-96	1990	6-97	199′	7-98
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		467		492		519		461		519		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	37.69	176	43.09	212	36.22	188	40.78	188	33.14	172	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	43.75	77	59.91	127	52.66	99	57.98	109	56.39	97	~	~

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Represents graduates from the previous school year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Part 2. School Characteristics

Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher2-	-5
Class Size Characteristics2-	-7

**Table 1**Schools in Acadia Parish

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
001001	Armstrong Middle School						
	Grade Structure	6-8,S	6-8,S	6-8	6-8,NG	6-8,NG	6-8,NG
	October 1 Membership	544	529	485	458	465	520
	Number of Faculty	37	37	35	34	35	35
	Category	~	Middle/Jr. High				
001002	Branch Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
	October 1 Membership	241	238	226	227	217	213
	Number of Faculty	18	18	18	19	18	14
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001003	Central Rayne Kindergarten School						
	Grade Structure	P,K	P,K,NG	P,K	K	K	K
	October 1 Membership	209	218	207	177	191	167
	Number of Faculty	13	15	14	15	16	11
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001004	Church Point Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	P,K-4,S	P,K-4,NG,S	P,K-4	K-5,NG	K-5,NG	K-5,NG
	October 1 Membership	732	695	672	740	754	765
	Number of Faculty	44	44	46	50	50	53
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001005	Church Point High School						
	Grade Structure	9-12,S	9-12,S		8-12,NG	8-12,NG	8-12,NG
	October 1 Membership	516	568	605	652	652	672
	Number of Faculty	36	37	43	42	44	43
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High
001006	Church Point Middle School						
	Grade Structure	5-8,S	5-8,S		6-8,NG	6-8,NG	6-8,NG
	October 1 Membership	470	496	472	386	392	349
	Number of Faculty	37	36	34	30	30	28
	Category	~	Middle/Jr. High				
001007	Crowley High School						
	Grade Structure	9-12,S	9-12,S		8-12,NG	8-12,NG	8-12,NG
	October 1 Membership	871	861	871	900	895	909
	Number of Faculty	63	62	64	66	69	70
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High

**Table 1**Schools in Acadia Parish

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
001008	Crowley Middle School						
	Grade Structure	6-8,S	6-8,S	6-8	6-8,NG	6-8,NG	6-8,NG
	October 1 Membership	795	810	792	828	813	759
	Number of Faculty	60	61	62	61	61	58
	Category	~	Middle/Jr. High				
001009	Crowley Kindergarten School			•		•	•
	Grade Structure	P,K,S	P,K,NG,S	P,K	K,NG	K,NG	K,NG
	October 1 Membership	334	356	344	317	258	249
	Number of Faculty	21	23	25	23	23	21
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001010	North Crowley Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	1-5,S	1-5,S	1-5	1-5,NG	1-5,NG	1-5,NG
	October 1 Membership	504	479	466	425	443	417
	Number of Faculty	33	34	35	32	31	32
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001011	Egan Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-8	K-8	P,K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
	October 1 Membership	183	211	242	214	233	203
	Number of Faculty	17	17	18	19	20	14
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001012	Estherwood Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-7	K-7	K-7	K-7	K-7	K-7
	October 1 Membership	196	190	201	192	203	180
	Number of Faculty	17	16	18	16	16	13
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001013	Evangeline Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-8	K-8		K-8	K-8	K-8
	October 1 Membership	207	196	188	186	171	184
	Number of Faculty	17	18	18	19	18	15
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001014	Iota Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	P,K-5,S			K-5,NG	K-5,NG	K-5,NG
	October 1 Membership	435	443	439	393	406	412
	Number of Faculty	31	31	31	31	31	27
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary

**Table 1**Schools in Acadia Parish

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
001015	Iota High School						
	Grade Structure	6-12	6-12,NG	6-12	6-12,NG	6-12,NG	6-12,NG
	October 1 Membership	551	570	589	622	646	673
	Number of Faculty	39	40	37	41	43	40
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High
001016	Mermentau Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-7	K-7,NG	P,K-7	K-7	K-7	K-7
	October 1 Membership	158	170	192	170	179	176
	Number of Faculty	16	15	15	16	18	14
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001017	Midland High School						
	Grade Structure	8-12	8-12	8-12	8-12,NG	8-12,NG	8-12,NG
	October 1 Membership	269	278	293	355	332	322
	Number of Faculty	19	20	20	24	26	22
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High
001018	Mire Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-8	K-8,NG	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
	October 1 Membership	445	433	439	414	433	409
	Number of Faculty	28	27	27	29	28	26
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001019	Morse Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-7	K-7	K-7	K-7	K-7	K-7
	October 1 Membership	209	203	212	203	207	203
	Number of Faculty	17	16	16	15	15	11
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001020	Martin Petitjean Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	1-3,S	1-3,S	1-3	1-3,NG	1-3,NG	1-3,NG
	October 1 Membership	561	556	555	533	506	536
	Number of Faculty	31	32	34	34	34	33
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001021	Rayne High School						
	Grade Structure	9-12,S	9-12,S	8-12	8-12,NG	8-12,NG	8-12,NG
	October 1 Membership	638	635	721	792	748	688
	Number of Faculty	44	44	48	49	53	52
	Category	~	High	High	High	High	High

**Table 1**Schools in Acadia Parish

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
001022	Richard Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	K-8	K-8,NG	P,K-8	K-8,NG	K-8,NG	K-8,NG
	October 1 Membership	225	255	277	246	260	250
	Number of Faculty	18	17	20	20	20	18
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001023	Ross Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	1-5,S	1-5,S	1-5	1-5,NG	1-5,NG	1-5,NG
	October 1 Membership	499	430	435	444	453	426
	Number of Faculty	38	35	32	30	34	31
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001024	South Crowley Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	1-5	1-5,NG	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
	October 1 Membership	527	543	468	407	423	447
	Number of Faculty	33	33	32	32	31	29
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
001025	South Rayne Elementary School						
	Grade Structure	4-5,S			4-5,NG	·	4-5,NG
	October 1 Membership	352	329	342	378	371	340
	Number of Faculty	26	27	26	27	27	25
	Category	~	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
District							
	October 1 Membership	10,671	10,692	10,733	10,659	10,651	10,469
	Number of Faculty	699	696	712	718	728	735

### Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

Perhaps the most vital educational resource available to students is the school faculty. One indicator of faculty preparation is the level of academic training the staff has completed.

### **Organization**

Table 2, Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher, presents the number and percent of faculty attaining a master's degree or higher. Data are presented for all faculty members in all schools in the districts that receive a *School Report Card*. Schools are presented in site code order. District and state totals are presented for comparison purposes.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The School Report Card displays the percent of faculty with a master's degree or higher.

### **Definition**

• Faculty—school-based instructional personnel. In addition to full-time classroom teachers, these individuals include principals,

assistant principals, guidance counselors, librarians, and other instructional staff (provided these individuals teach at least one class.)

### **Method of Calculation**

The formula used to compute the percentage of faculty who have a master's degree or higher is presented below. Itinerant staff members who are employed at multiple school sites are counted at each school in which they teach, but are counted only once in district and state percentages.

### **Data Sources**

Site-based personnel— district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP).

Faculty degree status— district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP).

### Formula Used to Calculate Percent of Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

Percent of Faculty
with a Master's Degree = Number of Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

Total Number of Faculty at All Education Levels

X 100

**Table 2**Faculty with a Master's Degree or Higher

		1992-93				1994	<b>4-95</b>	1995	<b>5-96</b>	1996-	.97	1997	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	umber	Percent	Number
001001	Armstrong Middle School	29.73	11	21.62	8	20.59	7	24.24	8	20.00	7	22.86	8
001002	Branch Elementary School	27.78	5	16.67	3	11.11	2	21.05	4	16.67	3	14.29	2
001003	Central Rayne Kindergarten School	15.38	2	6.67	1	21.43	3	33.33	5	46.67	7	18.18	2
001004	Church Point Elementary School	15.91	7	11.36	5	13.04	6	16.67	8	21.74	10	22.64	12
001005	Church Point High School	22.22	8	18.92	7	18.60	8	23.81	10	20.93	9	18.60	8
001006	Church Point Middle School	16.22	6	13.89	5	11.76	4	20.00	6	13.33	4	14.29	4
001007	Crowley High School	31.75	20	27.42	17	28.13	18	27.27	18	29.41	20	25.71	18
001008	Crowley Middle School	30.00	18	29.51	18	29.03	18	24.59	15	26.23	16	22.41	13
001009	Crowley Kindergarten School	14.29	3	17.39	4	12.00	3	19.05	4	15.00	3	9.52	2
001010	North Crowley Elementary School	18.75	6	27.27	9	29.41	10	29.03	9	26.67	8	15.63	5
001011	Egan Elementary School	25.00	4	18.75	3	17.65	3	18.75	3	27.78	5	14.29	2 2
001012	Estherwood Elementary School	25.00	4	20.00	3	23.53	4	20.00	3	20.00	3	15.38	2
001013	Evangeline Elementary School	43.75	7	41.18	7	35.29	6	37.50	6	31.25	5	33.33	5
001014	Iota Elementary School	26.67	8	30.00	9	30.00	9	28.57	8	27.59	8	22.22	6
001015	Iota High School	36.84	14	35.90	14	27.03	10	26.83	11	30.95	13	30.00	12
001016	Mermentau Elementary School	46.67	7	35.71	5	28.57	4	26.67	4	23.53	4	21.43	3
001017	Midland High School	63.16	12	60.00	12	60.00	12	56.52	13	54.17	13	54.55	12
001018	Mire Elementary School	17.86	5	18.52	5	18.52	5	17.24	5	14.29	4	23.08	6
001019	Morse Elementary School	31.25	5	20.00	3	18.75	3	21.43	3	14.29	2	9.09	1
001020	Martin Petitjean Elementary School	16.13	5	18.75	6	20.59	7	20.59	7	26.47	9	21.21	7
001021	Rayne High School	43.18	19	34.09	15	31.25	15	42.86	21	42.31	22	38.46	20
001022	Richard Elementary School	33.33	6	35.29	6	30.00	6	31.58	6	26.32	5	22.22	4
001023	Ross Elementary School	21.62	8	20.59		19.35	6	20.69	6	21.21	7	22.58	7
001024	South Crowley Elementary School	27.27	9	21.21	7	25.00	8	34.38	11	35.48	11	31.03	9
001025	South Rayne Elementary School	32.00	8	26.92	7	28.00	7	25.93	7	29.63	8	28.00	7
District		27.29	188	25.07	172	23.90	168	26.14	183	26.17	185	24.08	177
State		43.62	21,927	43.57	22,111	42.53	21,844	42.20	21,854	41.55 2	1,556	39.83	20,938

Small classes generally allow more time for pupil-teacher interaction and therefore are instrumental in promoting student learning, especially at the lower elementary grades. In recognition of that fact, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has set specific limits on the maximum size of classes at various grade levels (*Bulletin 741*). The maximum enrollment in grades K-3 is 26 students, while in grades 4-12 the maximum enrollment is 33 students. The limits do not apply to activity classes such as physical education, chorus, and band.

### **Organization**

Tables 3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d (Class Size Characteristics for Elementary, Middle/Junior High, High, and Combination Schools, respectively) present the number and percentage of classes that fall within various class size ranges. Data are presented for all schools in the district that receive a *School Report Card*, with schools presented by category and in site code order. District and state percentages are presented for comparison of all schools. Since 1993-94, district and state percentages based on school category also have been provided.

The *District Composite Report* presents class size information for grades K-12 in three ranges: 1-20, 21-26, and 27 or more students.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Card provides 1997-98 class size information for grades K-12 by three ranges: 1-20, 21-26, and 27+. Category percentages are provided for comparison purposes.

### **Definition**

 Class—a grouping of children under the primary supervision and instruction of an individual teacher for all or part of the instructional day, as reported for the purposes of the Annual School Report (ASR) and identifiable by a specific ASR course code.

### **Method of Calculation**

The following criterion was applied to *Annual School Report (ASR)* data to determine which classes should be included/excluded from the class size calculations:

• Activity classes (which have a maximum allowable student count greater than 33) are excluded because their inclusion in the computation would skew the results.

### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Classes in Each of the Specific Class Size Ranges

Percent of Classes
in Specific Class Size Range = 

Number of Classes in Specific
Class Size Range

Total Number of Classes

X 100\*

\*Note: Due to school categorization, the numerator and denominator will vary. For example, Percent of Classes in Elementary Schools in Specific Class Size Range = (Number of Classes in Elementary Schools in Specific Class Size Range / Total Number of Classes in Elementary Schools) X 100.

### **Data Source**

District-reported data from the Annual School Report (ASR).

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LDE researchers have explored the relationship between school configuration and Report Card indicators related to student participation and testing. Middle school students perform significantly lower in grades 6 and 7 for all indicators than grades 6 and 7 students in elementary or combination (K-12) schools (Franklin and Glascock, 1994).

# **Table 3a: Class Size Characteristics**

# Elementary Schools

						1994	<b>1-95</b>	1995	-96	1996	-97	1997	-98
		Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent 1	Number
001002	Branch Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	15.63	5	6.25	2	25.00	8	15.63	5	18.75	6	18.75	6
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	28.13	9	25.00	8	43.75	14	28.13	9	59.38	19	62.50	20
	Class Size Range 27 or more	56.25	18	68.75	22	31.25	10	56.25	18	21.88	7	18.75	6
001003	Central Rayne Kindergarten School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	0.00		20.00	2	25.00	2	11.11	1	0.00	0	25.00	2
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	100.00		80.00	8		6	88.89	8	100.00	8	75.00	6
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001004	Church Point Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	16.33		17.39	8		3	1.96	1	13.16	10	20.35	23
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	42.86		82.61	38		47	74.51	38	65.79	50	45.13	51
	Class Size Range 27 or more	40.82	20	0.00	0	0.00	0	23.53	12	21.05	16	34.51	39
001009	Crowley Kindergarten School											1	
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	0.00		12.50	2		8	15.38	2	100.00	12		12
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	100.00		87.50	14		6	84.62	11	0.00	0		0
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001010	North Crowley Elementary School							,					
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	25.00		34.62	9		13	44.44	12	33.33	8		11
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	57.14		50.00	13	56.67	17	55.56	15	58.33	14		16
	Class Size Range 27 or more	17.86	5	15.38	4	0.00	0	0.00	0	8.33	2	0.00	0
001011	Egan Elementary School							,					
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	44.83		6.90	2	20.69		21.88	7	28.13	9	15.15	5
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	55.17	16	86.21	25	51.72	15	71.88	23	18.75	6	63.64	21
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	6.90	2	27.59	8	6.25	2	53.13	17	21.21	7
001012	Estherwood Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	37.50		25.00	4		2	41.67	5	0.00	0	41.67	5
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	25.00	4	37.50	6	50.00	8	33.33	4	83.33	10	58.33	7
	Class Size Range 27 or more	37.50	6	37.50	6	37.50	6	25.00	3	16.67	2	0.00	0
001013	Evangeline Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	6.67	2	55.17	16	58.62	17	37.93	11	44.83	13	56.25	18
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	80.00	24	37.93	11	13.79	4	13.79	4	55.17	16	43.75	14
	Class Size Range 27 or more	13.33	4	6.90	2	27.59	8	48.28	14	0.00	0	0.00	0
001014	Iota Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	34.38	11	28.13	9	30.00	9	46.67	14	37.04	10	33.33	9
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	65.63	21	71.88	23	70.00	21	53.33	16	62.96	17	66.67	18
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

# **Table 3a: Class Size Characteristics**

# Elementary Schools

				3 1993-94		1994	-95	1995	-96	1996	-97	1997	<b>-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number
001016	Mermentau Elementary School											·	
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	62.50	10	37.50	6	50.00	8	62.50	10	47.06	8	55.56	5
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	37.50	6	62.50	10	37.50	6	25.00	4	35.29	6	44.44	4
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	0.00	0	12.50	2	12.50	2	17.65	3	0.00	0
001018	Mire Elementary School							,					
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	21.43	12	28.00	14	16.00	8	44.07	26	0.00	0	27.12	16
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	28.57	16	50.00	25	52.00	26	47.46	28	87.72	50	64.41	38
	Class Size Range 27 or more	50.00	28	22.00	11	32.00	16	8.47	5	12.28	7	8.47	5
001019	Morse Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	0.00	0	0.00	0	18.75	3	12.50	2	12.50	2	35.29	6
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	62.50	10	75.00	12	43.75	7	37.50	6	50.00	8	58.82	10
	Class Size Range 27 or more	37.50	6	25.00	4	37.50	6	50.00	8	37.50	6	5.88	1
001020	Martin Petitjean Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	0.00	0	0.00	0		2	13.04	3	13.04	3	4.35	1
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	72.73	16	86.36	19	91.30	21	86.96	20	86.96	20	95.65	22
	Class Size Range 27 or more	27.27	6	13.64	3	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001022	Richard Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	27.27	9	24.00	6	00.70	14	44.12	15	20.00	7	40.00	16
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	30.30		28.00	7	41.03	16	20.59	7	48.57	17	47.50	19
	Class Size Range 27 or more	42.42	14	48.00	12	23.08	9	35.29	12	31.43	11	12.50	5
001023	Ross Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	0.00	0	17.24	5	21.43	6	20.59	7	29.41	10	40.00	12
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	100.00	26	62.07	18	71.43	20	64.71	22	70.59	24	53.33	16
	Class Size Range 27 or more	0.00	0	20.69	6	7.14	2	14.71	5	0.00	0	6.67	2
001024	South Crowley Elementary School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	14.81	4	0.00	0	20.69	6	14.81	4	3.85	1	18.75	6
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	70.37	19	86.67	26		17	85.19	23	65.38	17	62.50	20
	Class Size Range 27 or more	14.81	4	13.33	4	20.69	6	0.00	0	30.77	8	18.75	6
001025	South Rayne Elementary School			1						1		1	
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	53.57	15	33.33	8	37.50	9	25.00	6		0	48.00	12
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	35.71	10	41.67	10		10	33.33	8	16.67	4	48.00	12
	Class Size Range 27 or more	10.71	3	25.00	6	20.83	5	41.67	10	83.33	20	4.00	1

# **Table 3a: Class Size Characteristics**

# Elementary Schools

	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97		1997	<b>7-98</b>
	Percent	Number										
District (Elementary Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	20.76	93	26.78	124	27.99	131	20.45	99	31.07	165
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	60.94	273	56.37	261	52.56	246	59.09	286	55.37	294
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	18.30	82	16.85	78	19.44	91	20.45	99	13.56	72
District (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	29.57	482	26.98	423	31.13	486	34.58	566	35.18	598	42.24	768
Class Size Range 21 - 26	47.55	775	46.36	727	49.52	773	46.49	761	45.65	776	43.07	783
Class Size Range 27 or more	22.88	373	26.66	418	19.35	302	18.94	310	19.18	326	14.69	267
State (Elementary Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	29.86	9,170	30.32	9,287	32.15	9,840	31.58	9,687	34.34	11,090
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	51.31	15,758	50.85	15,577	50.68	15,510	53.06	16,277	51.25	16,553
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	18.83	5,783	18.83	5,768	17.17	5,255	15.37	4,714	14.41	4,654
State (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	30.00	33,335	30.42	34,199	31.18	35,133	32.25	36,358	32.51	37,192	34.44	40,803
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.59	45,104	39.16	44,023	39.79	44,829	39.63	44,678	40.20	45,996	39.38	46,654
Class Size Range 27 or more	29.42	32,693	30.41	34,185	29.03	32,715	28.12	31,698	27.29	31,226	26.17	31,003

# **Table 3b: Class Size Characteristics**

Middle/Jr. High Schools

			1993-94		1994	-95	1995	5-96	1996	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
	Percent	Number										
001001 Armstrong Middle School												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	23.48	31	16.22	18	18.87	20	44.44	52	45.76	54	25.42	30
Class Size Range 21 - 26	37.88	50	38.74	43	59.43	63	51.28	60	51.69	61	50.85	60
Class Size Range 27 or more	38.64	51	45.05	50	21.70	23	4.27	5	2.54	3	23.73	28
001006 Church Point Middle School												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	31.87	29	38.36	28	27.78	15	31.18	29	32.95	29	58.14	50
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.66	37	31.51	23	55.56	30	56.99	53	39.77	35	24.42	21
Class Size Range 27 or more	27.47	25	30.14	22	16.67	9	11.83	11	27.27	24	17.44	15
001008 Crowley Middle School												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	35.62	78	25.11	55	38.81	78	43.81	92	41.51	88	56.60	120
Class Size Range 21 - 26	46.12	101	28.31	62	41.79	84	44.76	94	47.17	100	39.62	84
Class Size Range 27 or more	18.26	40	46.58	102	19.40	39	11.43	24	11.32	24	3.77	8
District (Middle/Jr. High Schools)	,											
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	25.06	101	31.30	113	41.19	173	40.91	171	48.08	200
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	31.76	128	49.03	177	49.29	207	46.89	196	39.66	165
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	43.18	174	19.67	71	9.52	40	12.20	51	12.26	51
District (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	29.57	482	26.98	423	31.13	486	34.58	566	35.18	598	42.24	768
Class Size Range 21 - 26	47.55	775	46.36	727	49.52	773	46.49	761	45.65	776	43.07	783
Class Size Range 27 or more	22.88	373	26.66	418	19.35	302	18.94	310	19.18	326	14.69	267
State (Middle/ <u>Jr. High Schools)</u>	,											
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	21.06	6,253	23.16	6,785	23.22	6,682	24.50	7,050	27.45	8,168
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	38.07	11,300	39.15	11,471	40.39	11,625	40.85	11,756	39.66	11,802
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	40.87	12,133	37.69	11,045	36.40	10,476	34.66	9,975	32.90	9,791
State (All Schools)	,											
Class Size Range 1 - 20	30.00	33,335		34,199		35,133		36,358	32.51	37,192		40,803
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.59	45,104	39.16	44,023		44,829		44,678	40.20	45,996	39.38	46,654
Class Size Range 27 or more	29.42	32,693	30.41	34,185	29.03	32,715	28.12	31,698	27.29	31,226	26.17	31,003

# **Table 3c: Class Size Characteristics**

# High Schools

		1992-93		1993-94		1994	<b>1-95</b>	1995	5-96	1996	5-97	1997	-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number
001005	Church Point High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	33.60		25.38	33	28.06	39	39.72	56	39.47	60	41.07	69
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	42.40		48.46	63	51.08	71	44.68	63	36.84	56	30.95	52
	Class Size Range 27 or more	24.00	30	26.15	34	20.86	29	15.60	22	23.68	36	27.98	47
001007	Crowley High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	20.28		26.24	53	31.92	68	37.85	81	39.63	86	44.81	108
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	62.74		50.50	102	53.05	113	40.19	86	43.78	95	43.15	104
	Class Size Range 27 or more	16.98	36	23.27	47	15.02	32	21.96	47	16.59	36	12.03	29
001015	Iota High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	45.03	68	44.30	66	36.43	51	34.25	50	33.11	49	31.85	50
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	31.13	47	40.27	60	39.29	55	45.89	67	44.59	66	37.58	59
	Class Size Range 27 or more	23.84	36	15.44	23	24.29	34	19.86	29	22.30	33	30.57	48
001017	Midland High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	33.80	24	38.16	29	53.95	41	50.00	40	61.96	57	54.55	48
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	39.44	28	31.58	24	23.68	18	28.75	23	22.83	21	40.91	36
	Class Size Range 27 or more	26.76	19	30.26	23	22.37	17	21.25	17	15.22	14	4.55	4
001021	Rayne High School												
	Class Size Range 1 - 20	38.92	65	30.00	48	29.59	50	20.83	35	40.21	76	58.99	128
	Class Size Range 21 - 26	47.90	80	48.13	77	46.15	78	41.07	69	29.63	56	33.64	73
	Class Size Range 27 or more	13.17	22	21.88	35	24.26	41	38.10	64	30.16	57	7.37	16

# **Table 3c: Class Size Characteristics**

# High Schools

	1992	2-93	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	<b>4-95</b>	1995	5-96	1996	5-97	1997	<b>7-98</b>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District (High Schools)									,			
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	31.94	229	33.79	249	34.98	262	41.10	328	46.27	403
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	45.47	326	45.45	335	41.12	308	36.84	294	37.20	324
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	22.59	162	20.76	153	23.90	179	22.06	176	16.53	144
District (All Schools)												
Class Size Range 1 - 20	29.57	482	26.98	423	31.13	486	34.58	566	35.18	598	42.24	768
Class Size Range 21 - 26	47.55	775	46.36	727	49.52	773	46.49	761	45.65	776	43.07	783
Class Size Range 27 or more	22.88	373	26.66	418	19.35	302	18.94	310	19.18	326	14.69	267
State (High Schools)									,			
Class Size Range 1 - 20	~	~	32.15	14,261	32.55	14,610	33.61	15,285	33.77	15,900	34.96	17,104
Class Size Range 21 - 26	~	~	33.40	14,813	34.49	15,478	33.61	15,285	33.15	15,607	32.95	16,121
Class Size Range 27 or more	~	~	34.45	15,277	32.96	14,792	32.79	14,911	33.08	15,576	32.10	15,704
State (All Schools)									,			
Class Size Range 1 - 20	30.00	33,335	30.42	34,199	31.18	35,133	32.25	36,358	32.51	37,192	34.44	40,803
Class Size Range 21 - 26	40.59	45,104	39.16	44,023	39.79	44,829	39.63	44,678	40.20	45,996	39.38	46,654
Class Size Range 27 or more	29.42	32,693	30.41	34,185	29.03	32,715	28.12	31,698	27.29	31,226	26.17	31,003

# Part 3. Student Participation

Student Attendance	3-1
Student Dropouts	3-7
Students Suspended and Expelled	3-13

More than a decade ago, American schools were challenged by *A Nation at Risk* to do whatever necessary to reduce the amount of instructional time lost to absenteeism (Bennett, 1988). As educators have long recognized, occasional absences cause some learning disruption, but frequent student absences can severely reduce academic progress (Bamber, 1979).

The percent of student attendance reflects the percentage of time the average student is present within the total number of instructional days. Since 1993-94, attendance has been calculated to the nearest half day.

Prior to 1995-96, attendance data were reported for regular education students only. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data include special education students as well; hence, comparisons with prior years data are strongly discouraged.

### **Organization**

Tables 4a, 4b, 4c, and 4d, Student Attendance, present the percent of student attendance for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*. District and state percentages are presented for comparison of all schools. Schools are presented by category and in site code order. Since 1993-94, district and state percentages based on school category have been provided for comparison purposes.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Card presents the percent of student attendance for the school, district, and state, based on the school category.

Of all the School Report Card indicators studied, student attendance yields the strongest positive relationship with average test scores. This is especially evident in secondary schools with higher attendance. These schools show a marked increase in the percentage of students passing the Graduation Exit Exam (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

#### **Definitions**

- Aggregate days attendance—the total number of days that students are *present* at the school site over the course of the school year.
- Aggregate days membership—the total number of days that students are *enrolled* (but not necessarily *present* at the school site) over the course of the school year.
- Day of attendance—effective with the 1992-93 school year, "a student is considered to be in attendance when he or she 1) is physically present at a school site or is participating in an authorized school activity and 2) is under the supervision of authorized personnel. This definition extends to students who are homebound, assigned to and participating in drug rehabilitation programs that contain a state-approved education component, or participating in school-authorized field trips."

"Students who meet the above criteria and are present at the school site for 26-50 percent of the student's instructional day shall be credited with a half day of attendance. Those who meet the above criteria and are present for at least 51% of the student's instructional day are credited with a whole day of attendance. Students who are not physically present or who are participating for 25 percent or less of their instructional day will be considered absent for reporting purposes. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, shall be counted as an absence for reporting to the Department." (Bulletin 741)

As mentioned previously, the above definition was piloted for the 1992-93 school year and has been in effect statewide since the 1993-94 school year.

• *Percent of student attendance*—the ratio of aggregate days student attendance to aggregate days membership.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The formulas used in calculating percent of student attendance are presented on the following page.

Data Sources References

The attendance indicator is based on district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Student Information System (SIS).

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#### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Student Attendance

### **School-level Aggregation**

Percent of Student Attendance = 
$$\frac{Aggregate \ Days \ of \ Attendance}{Aggregate \ Days \ of \ Membership} \ X \quad 100$$

### **District-level Aggregation**

Percent of Student Attendance = 
$$\frac{Total\ Aggregate\ Days\ of\ Attendance\ for}{All\ Schools\ in\ the\ District} \times 100^*$$

$$for\ All\ Schools\ in\ the\ District}$$

### **State-level Aggregation**

Percent of Student Attendance = 
$$\frac{All\ Schools\ in\ the\ State}{Total\ Aggregate\ Days\ of\ Membership} \times 100^*$$
for All Schools in the State

\*Note: Due to school categorization, the numerator and denominator will vary. For example, Percent of Student Attendance in Elementary Schools = (Aggregate Days of Attendance for All Elementary Schools / Aggregate Days of Membership for All Elementary Schools) X 100.

## **Table 4a: Percent of Student Attendance**

	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996-97	1997-98
001002 Branch Elementary School	94.95	95.44	95.71	95.52	95.71	94.73
001003 Central Rayne Kindergarten School	92.36	92.63	93.72	92.50	93.93	93.46
001004 Church Point Elementary School	94.83	95.21	94.77	96.05	94.72	93.97
001009 Crowley Kindergarten School	90.50	90.08	90.95	89.04	90.07	90.62
001010 North Crowley Elementary School	94.73	94.75	94.74	95.02	94.80	94.12
001011 Egan Elementary School	95.66	94.60	95.32	95.87	95.70	96.26
001012 Estherwood Elementary School	95.15	94.00	95.14	93.73	94.89	94.09
001013 Evangeline Elementary School	95.11	95.07	94.51	93.78	94.88	93.69
001014 Iota Elementary School	94.99	94.58	95.17	95.35	95.28	94.91
001016 Mermentau Elementary School	95.75	94.25	94.42	95.29	96.05	95.25
001018 Mire Elementary School	95.41	96.02	95.36	94.16	94.66	94.24
001019 Morse Elementary School	94.54	94.60	94.82	95.00	95.28	94.22
001020 Martin Petitjean Elementary School	95.27	94.50	94.97	94.31	95.21	94.63
001022 Richard Elementary School	94.54	94.59	94.24	94.52	94.76	94.67
001023 Ross Elementary School	94.37	95.02	94.78	97.14	94.14	92.99
001024 South Crowley Elementary School	93.80	93.77	93.63	95.88	93.39	93.65
001025 South Rayne Elementary School	93.69	93.86	94.74	93.67	94.41	94.38
District (Elementary Schools)	~	94.54	94.61	94.73	94.56	94.07
District (All Schools)	93.47	93.66	93.33	92.54	92.90	92.56
State (Elementary Schools)	~	95.01	95.21	95.01	95.20	95.01
State (All Schools)	~	93.55	93.64	93.36	93.70	93.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance defintion was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

### **Table 4b: Percent of Student Attendance**

Middle/Jr. High Schools

	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996-97	1997-98
001001 Armstrong Middle School	95.05	96.70	96.79	91.71	92.61	91.25
001006 Church Point Middle School	93.15	93.42	92.90	91.81	92.10	90.11
001008 Crowley Middle School	88.68	90.81	88.88	88.90	90.93	90.87
District (Middle/Jr. High Schools)	~	93.14	92.06	90.36	91.68	90.83
District (All Schools)	93.47	93.66	93.33	92.54	92.90	92.56
State (Middle/Jr. High Schools)	~	92.84	92.72	92.56	93.14	92.69
State (All Schools)	~	93.55	93.64	93.36	93.70	93.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance defintion was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

## **Table 4c: Percent of Student Attendance**

# High Schools

	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996-97	1997-98
001005 Church Point High School	91.18	88.73	88.40	86.77	88.09	89.64
001007 Crowley High School	91.44	90.61	89.64	87.97	88.72	89.14
001015 Iota High School	94.28	94.37	93.78	93.45	93.96	93.02
001017 Midland High School	92.31	93.27	94.58	92.40	94.22	92.85
001021 Rayne High School	92.07	93.76	91.99	90.20	90.23	90.74
District (High Schools)	~	92.59	91.67	89.78	90.54	90.76
District (All Schools)	93.47	93.66	93.33	92.54	92.90	92.56
State (High Schools)	~	90.97	91.02	90.62	91.06	90.75
State (All Schools)	~	93.55	93.64	93.36	93.70	93.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A standard attendance defintion was piloted statewide in 1992-93 and implemented statewide in 1993-94; hence prior years' data may not be comparable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

Students who drop out of school deprive our country of potentially valuable human resources (Hershaff, 1980). Research indicates that dropping out of school has negative consequences both for the individual who drops out and for society (Curry, Payson, and Sandhu, 1990).

Over the last 20 years, there has been a general increase in high school completion rates. Despite these gains, dropout rates remain at unacceptably high levels. The monitoring of high school dropout rates provides one measure of our progress in increasing the educational attainment of the state's youth. Unfortunately, determining the exact number of students who actually drop out of school is extremely difficult.

According to LDE research, the percent of student dropouts has a strong negative correlation with test scores and attendance, and a positive correlation with school size. Thus, schools with low average test scores and low average attendance generally experience high dropout rates. Larger schools (those with enrollments of roughly 700 or more students) exhibit higher dropout rates than do smaller schools (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

Prior to 1995-96, attendance data were reported for regular education students only. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data include special education students as well; hence, comparisons with prior years data are strongly discouraged.

### **Organization**

Table 5, Student Dropouts, presents the number and percent of students (by grade level) who drop out of school for grades 7-12. Data are presented by school site code for all *Report Card* schools in the district whose grade structure includes grade seven or higher. District and state numbers and percents are offered for comparison purposes.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

School-level counts and percents are reported (by grade) for grades 7-12. Also, district and state percents are presented.

#### **Definitions**

- Cumulative Enrollment—the sum of all students enrolled in a school or district for at least one school day during the course of the school year, used as the denominator for calculating schooland district-level suspension and expulsion percents.
  - Dropout—the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) defines a dropout in the following manner. A school dropout is an individual who was enrolled in school at some time during the previous year, was not enrolled at the beginning of the current school year, had not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program, and did not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions:
    - Death;
    - Temporary absence due to suspension or illness; or
    - Transfer to another public school district, private school, or state- or district-approved education program.

For the purpose of this definition:

- A school year is the 12-month period of time beginning with the normal opening of school in the fall, with dropouts from the previous summer reported for the year and grade for which they fail to enroll;
- An individual has graduated from high school or completed an approved education program upon receipt of formal recognition from school authorities; and
- A state- or district-approved education program may include special education programs, home-based instruction, and school-sponsored GED preparation.

#### **Method of Calculation**

Louisiana's school- and district-level student dropout percents are calculated by dividing the total number of student dropouts in each grade for grades 7-12 by the cumulative enrollment for that grade. The formulas used to produce percent of student dropouts are presented at the bottom of this page.

#### **Data Sources**

The dropout indicator is based on district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Student Information System (SIS).

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### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Student Dropouts

(*Grades 7-12*)

### **School-level Aggregation**

### **District-level Aggregation**

### **State-level Aggregation**

**Table 5: Student Dropouts** 

								1995-					
		Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent Ni	umber	Percent Ni	umber	Percent 1	Number	Percent N	lumber
001001	Armstrong Middle School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.94	2	0.00	0	2.31	4	3.23	5	0.00	0
	Grade 8	1.63	3	1.89	4	0.59	1	3.65	5	0.79	1	4.67	7
001002	Branch Elementary School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	9.68	3	0.00	0	0.00	0
001005	Church Point High School												
	Grade 8	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0	13.33	2	15.38	2
	Grade 9	2.25	4	0.00	0	3.60	8	10.81	20	8.54	17	10.70	26
	Grade 10	2.29	3	0.67	1	1.15	2	10.81	16	8.39	12	10.69	17
	Grade 11	2.16	3	1.65	2	0.67	1	9.27	14	10.95	15	4.96	6
	Grade 12	0.91	1	0.00	0	1.89	2	7.75	10	4.48	6	5.98	7
001006	Church Point Middle School												
	Grade 7	1.50	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0
	Grade 8	0.67	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.88	3	0.00	0
001007	Crowley High School					-							
	Grade 8	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	62.50	10	47.37	9	21.05	4
	Grade 9	1.99	7	2.82	8	0.35	1	15.38	44	14.97	47	14.73	47
	Grade 10	1.68	4	2.00	5	0.46	1	8.60	19	9.84	18	12.50	25
	Grade 11	2.61	6	4.62	9	0.00	0	15.30	28	7.14	14	7.39	13
	Grade 12	0.53	1	3.80	7	2.87	5	6.11	11	5.00	8	8.57	15
001008	Crowley Middle School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.32	1	4.14	13	3.17	10	4.04	12
	Grade 8	1.16	3	0.36	1	0.00	0	6.20	15	4.00	10	3.24	7
001011	Egan Elementary School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	3.13	1
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	4.17	1	0.00	0	3.57	1
001012	Estherwood Elementary School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001013	<b>Evangeline Elementary School</b>												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	5.00	1	6.90	2	4.17	1	4.00	1
	Grade 8	3.57	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	14.29	2	0.00	0	0.00	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.
<sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

**Table 5: Student Dropouts** 

		1992	<b>-93</b> <sup>1</sup>	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	<b>4-95</b>	1995	<b>-96</b> <sup>2</sup>	1996	-97	1997	7-98
		Percent N	umber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	umber	Percent \( \lambda \)	umber	Percent	Number
001015	Iota High School												
	Grade 7	3.23	2	1.49	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.32	1	2.33	2
	Grade 8	2.63	2	1.82	1	0.00	0	1.33	1	3.70	3		1
	Grade 9	0.00	0	2.36	3		1	8.55	10	9.77	13	4.26	6
	Grade 10	0.98	1	0.00	0	0.88	1	4.46	5	5.56	5	2.68	3
	Grade 11	0.00	0	0.00	0	1.00	1	7.07	7	1.94	2	0.00	0
	Grade 12	1.08	1	2.17	2	2.86	3	4.94	4	6.67	6	0.99	1
001016	Mermentau Elementary School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001017	Midland High School												
	Grade 8	0.00	0	2.20	2	0.00		3.09	3	6.45	4	5.33	4
	Grade 9	5.21	5	5.21	5	0.00	0	7.79	6	14.13	13	10.81	8
	Grade 10	4.08	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	5.63	4	3.28	2	8.62	5
	Grade 11	5.17	3	0.00	0	1.67	1	8.62	5	4.17	3		4
	Grade 12	6.82	3	2.17	1	0.00	0	3.85	2	5.77	3	3.28	2
001018	Mire Elementary School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0			1.79	1	1.72	1	0.00	0
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	2.00	1	8.33	4
001019	Morse Elementary School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001021	Rayne High School												
	Grade 8	~	~	~	~	4.17	1	6.67	1	8.33	1	29.41	5
	Grade 9	3.00	7	1.94	5	1.47	4	8.98	23	12.16	27	12.12	24
	Grade 10	0.74	1	3.98	8	2.22	4	7.45	14	6.32	12	10.37	17
	Grade 11	1.39	2	2.22	3		3	9.36	16	6.47	11	5.78	10
	Grade 12	0.00	0	1.43	2	2.86	4	7.89	12	4.97	8	11.18	17
001022	Richard Elementary School												
	Grade 7	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	3.23	1	0.00	0
	Grade 8	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	9.52	2	0.00	0	0.00	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.
<sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

**Table 5: Student Dropouts** 

		1992	<b>2-93</b> <sup>1</sup>	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	1-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1990	6-97	1997	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
	Grade 7	0.42	4	0.31	3	0.21	2	2.18	20	2.15	19	1.86	16
	Grade 8	1.14	10	0.93	8	0.23	2	5.09	43	3.93	34	4.34	35
	Grade 9	2.45	23	2.22	21	1.42	14	11.31	103	12.29	117	11.51	111
	Grade 10	1.69	11	1.85	14	1.08	8	7.90	58	7.40	49	9.70	67
	Grade 11	2.17	14	2.38	14	0.90	6	10.64	70	6.72	45	5.41	33
	Grade 12	1.08	6	2.11	12	2.57	14	6.58	39	5.20	31	6.98	42
	Grades 9 - 12	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.32	270	8.40	242	8.82	253
State													
	Grade 7	~	~	1.47	904	0.78	480	4.46	2,816	4.73	2,904	3.44	2,122
	Grade 8	~	~	1.71	971	0.93	538	6.04	3,568	5.53	3,232	4.46	2,519
	Grade 9	~	~	6.48	4,018	4.63	2,898	12.90	8,966	13.51	9,245	11.67	7,688
	Grade 10	~	~	4.91	2,531	3.79	2,005	11.86	6,554	12.10	6,626	10.53	5,802
	Grade 11	~	~	4.57	1,988	3.55	1,555	10.78	4,991	10.58	4,897	9.08	4,161
	Grade 12	~	~	3.70	1,433	2.65	1,061	10.75	4,397	8.62	3,605	8.71	3,716
	Grades 9 - 12	~	~	~	~	~	~	11.75	24,908	11.53	24,373	10.20	21,367

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1992-93, Louisiana was in transition to the federal reporting calendar; hence, prior years' data may not be comparable.
<sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

Student suspension not only harms students by depriving them of valuable instruction, it also harms communities, the individual school, and school district (Garibaldi, 1978).

Prior to 1995-96, attendance data were reported for regular education students only. The 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98 data include special education students as well; hence, comparisons with prior years data are strongly discouraged.

#### **Organization**

Tables 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d, Students Suspended and Expelled, present the number and percent of students suspended and the number and percent of students expelled for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*. Schools are listed by category and in site code order. District percentages are presented for comparison of all schools. Since 1993-94, percentages based on the school category also have been provided for comparison purposes.

It should be pointed out that the "students suspended" number reflects the number of students at the school site who were suspended at least once during the school year. Because some students are suspended more than once over the course of the school year, the total incidence of suspension may be greater than the number reported here.

### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Card presents the school-level number and percent of students suspended and expelled. Category statistics are provided at the district level for comparison purposes.

#### **Definitions**

- Cumulative Enrollment—the sum of all students enrolled in a school or district for at least one school day during the course of the school year, used as the denominator for calculating school-and district-level suspension and expulsion percents.
- In-school Expulsion—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a period of time specified by the LEA and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- In-school Suspension—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a minimum of one complete school day and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- Out-of-school Expulsion—removal (exit) of a student from school for a determined number of days with no provision of instructional services.
- Out-of-school Suspension—student is temporarily prohibited from participating in his/her usual placement within school with no provision of instructional service; only suspensions resulting in removal for at least one full day are included.

Schools which report comparatively high suspension rates tend to serve more low-income students than those which report low suspension rates. Suspension rates tend to be higher among large schools. Middle schools and secondary schools report higher suspension rates than schools with other grade configurations. Finally, class enrollments are larger in high-suspension schools (Kennedy, 1993). This research is further supported by Franklin and Glascock (1994) who found that suspension rates are significantly higher in middle schools than elementary or combination (K-12) schools.

#### **Method of Calculation**

Suspensions and expulsions are calculated for students enrolled in grades K-12. The formulas listed at the bottom of this page were used to calculate the desired school- and district-level percentages for each school category, as well as district-level percentages for all schools.

#### **Data Sources**

The suspension and expulsion indicators are based on district-reported data submitted to the LDE via the Student Information System (SIS).

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### Formulas Used to Calculate Percent of Students Suspended, Expelled

#### **School-level Aggregation**

$$Percent of Students Suspended = \frac{Number of Students Suspended}{Cumulative Enrollment} \times 100$$

$$Percent of Students Expelled = \frac{Number of Students Expelled}{Cumulative Enrollment} \times 100$$

### **District-level Aggregation**

Note: Due to school categorization, the numerator and denominator will vary. For example, Percent of Elementary Students Suspended = (Number of Elementary Students Suspended / Cumulative Elementary Student Enrollment) X 100.

		<b>1992-93</b> 1  Percent Number Po		1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001002	Branch Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.43	1	3.15	7
	Suspended (Out of School)	2.46	7	2.57	7	5.08	13	10.59	25	5.60	13	4.05	9
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.42	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
001003	Central Rayne Kindergarten School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Suspended (Out of School)	0.95	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	~	~
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	~	~
001004	Church Point Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.24	2	1.08	9
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.93	14	1.54	11	3.92	26	9.01	77	9.19	76	8.39	70
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.12	1	0.00	0
001009	Crowley Kindergarten School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Suspended (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.92	3	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	~	~
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	~	~
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	~	~
001010	North Crowley Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	3.43	21	1.82	11	7.44	41	16.77	80	9.14	48	11.72	58
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001011	Egan Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	3.23	7	3.36	8	1.57	4	4.56	12	3.38	9	2.99	8
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.42	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

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		1992-93 1 Percent Number Pe		1993	-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996	-97	1997	-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Vumber	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Vumber	Percent N	Number
001012	Estherwood Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	2.90	7	5.45	12	3.69	8	7.37	16	6.55	15	7.25	15
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.46	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001013	Evangeline Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.94	5	3.04	7	10.96	25	8.56	19	5.41	10	3.67	8
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.44	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001014	Iota Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.23	1	3.10	14
	Suspended (Out of School)	0.23	1	0.23	1	0.22	1	0.43	2	0.91	4	1.11	5
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001016	Mermentau Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.49	3	3.83	8	4.83	10	1.96	4	6.57	13	2.12	4
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001018	Mire Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.32	85	22.93	105
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.48	8	1.73	9	3.30	18	5.68	26	7.11	33	4.37	20
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.18	1	0.22	1	0.22	1	0.22	1
001019	Morse Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	2.39	6	0.00	0	1.66	4	4.91	11	10.34	24	6.31	14
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.41	1	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0

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		1992-93 Percent Number I		1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number
001020	Martin Petitjean Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.47	3	1.13	7	2.64	15	3.36	19	2.90	17
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001022	Richard Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	4.31	11	3.61	10	3.36	10	7.46	22	8.62	25	4.26	12
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001023	Ross Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	3.18	16	0.61	3	1.52	7	1.18	6	0.59	3	2.17	11
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001024	South Crowley Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	1.21	8	2.33	16	0.93	6	6.07	28	8.11	39	7.84	41
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
001025	South Rayne Elementary School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.67	76	22.25	85
	Suspended (Out of School)	3.34	13	6.46	23	6.34	23	9.09	37	11.30	46	14.40	55
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.51	2	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.49	2	0.00	0

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	1992-93 Percent Number		1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	7-98
District (Elementary Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.71	165	3.68	220
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	2.19	132	3.36	203	6.03	378	6.20	377	5.79	346
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.02	1	0.07	4	0.03	2	0.07	4	0.02	1
District (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.84	1,899	15.95	1,779
Suspended (Out of School)	6.91	786	7.23	816	9.73	1,093	13.07	1,500	13.23	1,492	14.17	1,580
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.35	40	0.52	59	0.73	82	0.67	77	0.70	79	0.72	80
State <sup>1</sup> (Elementary Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.17	8,584	3.07	11,949
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.26	16,806	4.83	18,811
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.01	34	0.01	37
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.08	311	0.11	425
State <sup>1</sup> (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.55	44,040	7.76	61,311
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	?	~	?	٧	?	٧	9.94	78,866	10.54	83,256
Expelled (In School)	~	~	?	~	?	٧	?	٧	0.07	542	0.13	1,014
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.44	3,454	0.49	3,901

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96 both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

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Middle/Jr. High Schools

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001001	Armstrong Middle School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	48.03	244	38.63	226
	Suspended (Out of School)	7.09	44	13.38	87	14.63	84	22.09	108	24.41	124	28.72	168
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.32	2	0.31	2	0.35	2	0.82	4	0.39	2	2.05	12
001006	Church Point Middle School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	54.37	230	48.43	185
	Suspended (Out of School)	4.68	25	6.60	39	5.89	32	9.57	40	11.82	50	17.02	65
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	1.12	6	0.51	3	0.18	1	0.48	2	0.24	1	0.52	2
001008	Crowley Middle School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	48.30	427	41.40	337
	Suspended (Out of School)	25.81	240	19.02	191	30.77	284	34.17	300	32.69	289	28.99	236
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	1.94	18	2.79	28	3.47	32	3.08	27	3.39	30	2.70	22

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective with 1995-96 both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

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Middle/Jr. High Schools

	1992-93		1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>2</sup>	1990	5-97	1997	7-98
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Vumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District (Middle/Jr. High Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	49.94	899	42.65	746
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	15.18	317	20.86	400	25.27	447	25.72	463	26.82	469
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	1.58	33	1.82	35	1.87	33	1.83	33	2.06	36
District (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.84	1,899	15.95	1,779
Suspended (Out of School)	6.91	786	7.23	816	9.73	1,093	13.07	1,500	13.23	1,492	14.17	1,580
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.35	40	0.52	59	0.73	82	0.67	77	0.70	79	0.72	80
State <sup>1</sup> (Middle/ <u>Jr. High Schools)</u>												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	10.03	14,670	14.53	21,148
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.40	23,990	18.26	26,576
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.16	234	0.31	448
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.87	1,269	1.12	1,629
State <sup>1</sup> (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.55	44,040	7.76	61,311
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	9.94	78,866	10.54	83,256
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	?	~	~	~	0.07	542	0.13	1,014
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.44	3,454	0.49	3,901

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# High Schools

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	lumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number
001005	Church Point High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	37.13	251	46.43	332
	Suspended (Out of School)	5.02	28	10.08	61	15.42	103	13.45	92	15.38	104	26.57	190
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.17	1	1.35	9	0.88	6	0.59	4	2.24	16
001007	Crowley High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	20.54	198	19.96	195
	Suspended (Out of School)	10.52	106	13.58	124	17.37	156	28.07	270	28.94	279	26.51	259
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.79	8	1.86	17	1.89	17	1.25	12	1.76	17	1.64	16
001015	Iota High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	7.81	53	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	13.49	85	8.86	56	13.02	90	12.89	86	7.51	51	12.01	86
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.00	0	0.16	1	0.14	1	0.45	3	0.15	1	0.56	4
001017	Midland High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Suspended (Out of School)	16.22	54	8.00	28	9.06	31	13.24	49	11.90	42	13.14	46
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.60	2	0.00	0	0.58	2	0.81	3	1.13	4	0.00	0
001021	Rayne High School												
	Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	42.34	340	38.22	287
	Suspended (Out of School)	11.30	75	13.35	98	14.19	110	22.34	185	22.67	182	24.77	186
	Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Expelled (Out of School)	0.30	2	0.82	6	1.81	14	2.17	18	1.99	16	0.93	7

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# High Schools

	1992-93		1993	3-94	1994	1-95	1995	5-96 <sup>2</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	7-98
					Percent							
District (High Schools)					·						·	
Suspended (In School)	~	٧	~	٧	~	~	2	~	24.36	842	23.36	813
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	11.63	367	14.98	490	19.48	679	19.04	658	22.01	766
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	0.79	25	1.31	43	1.20	42	1.22	42	1.24	43
District (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.84	1,899	15.95	1,779
Suspended (Out of School)	6.91	786	7.23	816	9.73	1,093	13.07	1,500	13.23	1,492	14.17	1,580
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0	0.00	0
Expelled (Out of School)	0.35	40	0.52	59	0.73	82	0.67	77	0.70	79	0.72	80
State <sup>1</sup> (High Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.67	19,412	11.97	26,592
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	15.72	35,175	15.80	35,108
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.11	254	0.23	512
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	2	~	0.80	1,797	0.80	1,775
State <sup>1</sup> (All Schools)												
Suspended (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	5.55	44,040	7.76	61,311
Suspended (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	2	~	9.94	78,866	10.54	83,256
Expelled (In School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.07	542	0.13	1,014
Expelled (Out of School)	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.44	3,454	0.49	3,901

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# Part 4. Student Achievement

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The ability to read is essential to survive in our society. Many children learn to read quickly and efficiently once exposed to formal instruction. However, this is not an easy task for some children due to a variety of reasons. These children require high quality preschool and kindergarten programs and excellent primary instruction that emphasize language and literacy skills. Act 450 of the 1997 Legislative Session required each second and third grade teacher to report the number of students reading below grade level within the first thirty days of school.

### **Organization**

Tables 7a and 7b present Reading Level Evaluation Results for grades 2 and 3 respectively. These results present the number and percent of students reading below, on, and above their grade levels. This information is provided for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*, with schools listed in site code order. District and state results are presented for comparison purposes. Please use caution when comparing, as each district was permitted to select its own assessment instrument(s).

#### **Definition**

The following students were evaluated and included in the assessment results:

- All regular education students enrolled as of October 1, 1997;
- All special education students whose IEP designate that they are in a specially designed, regular instructional program;
- All Limited English Proficient (LEP) students who were enrolled in and completed at least two full consecutive academic years in an English-speaking school (including kindergarten);
- Students in alternative programs or placements who are addressing regular curriculum standards; and
- All disabled students according to Section 504.

#### **Assessment Instruments**

Each teacher used one of the following types of assessment instruments:

- Basal reading test
- Informal reading inventory
- Computerized reading inventory
- Other standardized tests, such as norm-referenced tests, criterionreferenced tests, etc.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Cards present school-level count and percent of students reading below, on, and above their grade levels for grades 2 and 3.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The formula used to compute the percents of students reading below, on, and above their grade levels is presented on the following page.

#### **Data Sources**

The Reading Level data is based on district-reported data submitted to the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of School Standards, Accountability and Assistance.

### Formula Used to Calculate Percent of Students Reading Below, On, and Above Their Grade Levels

# **Table 7a: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 2**

	1992-93		1993	3-94	1994	<b>-95</b>	199	5-96	1990	6-97	1997	<b>'-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001002 Branch Elementary School					,							
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		20
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	75.00	15
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	25.00	5
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001004 Church Point Elementary School					_						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		127
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	54.33	69
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	44.09	56
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.57	2
001010 North Crowley Elementary School					_						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		95
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	83.16	79
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	16.84	16
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001011 Egan Elementary School					_							
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		20
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	35.00	7
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	65.00	13
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001012 Estherwood Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		20
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	55.00	11
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	45.00	9
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001013 Evangeline Elementary School					F							
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		17
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	64.71	11
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	35.29	6
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0

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# **Table 7a: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 2**

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	1-95	199	5-96	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number										
001014 Iota Elementary School											·	
Students Assessed		~		٧		~		٧		~		60
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	36.67	22
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	63.33	38
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001016 Mermentau Elementary School											_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		29
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	58.62	17
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	41.38	12
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001018 Mire Elementary School											_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		47
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	61.70	29
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	38.30	18
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001019 Morse Elementary School					ŗ					T	_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		18
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	77.78	14
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	22.22	4
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001020 Martin Petitjean Elementary School					·							
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		159
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	71.07	113
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	28.30	45
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.63	1
001022 Richard Elementary School					·							
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		28
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	46.43	13
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	53.57	15
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0

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# **Table 7a: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 2**

	1992-93		199	3-94	1994	4-95	199	5-96	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number										
001023 Ross Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		79
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	82.28	65
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	17.72	14
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001024 South Crowley Elementary School											-	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		94
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	81.91	77
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.09	17
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
District											_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		813
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	66.67	542
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	32.96	268
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	2	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.37	3
State (Pub <u>lic)</u>											-	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		58,692
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	43.48	25,518
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	37.09	21,767
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	19.44	11,407

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# **Table 7b: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 3**

	1992-93		1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96	1990	6-97	1997	<b>-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Vumber
001002 Branch Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		23
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	17.39	4
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	82.61	19
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001004 Church Point Elementary School					_						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		111
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	39.64	44
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	60.36	67
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001010 North Crowley Elementary School					_						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		71
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	45.07	32
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	54.93	39
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001011 Egan Elementary School				T	_						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		24
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	25.00	6
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	75.00	18
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001012 Estherwood Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		24
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	25.00	6
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	75.00	18
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001013 Evangeline Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		16
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	18.75	3
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	81.25	13
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0

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# **Table 7b: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 3**

	199	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	1-95	199	5-96	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number										
001014 Iota Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		٧		~		~		?		73
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	35.62	26
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	64.38	47
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001016 Mermentau Elementary School					_						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		25
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	28.00	7
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	72.00	18
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001018 Mire Elementary School					_						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		50
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	24.00	12
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	76.00	38
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001019 Morse Elementary School					,						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		22
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	31.82	7
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	68.18	15
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001020 Martin Petitjean Elementary School					г						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		159
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	34.59	55
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	65.41	104
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001022 Richard Elementary School					г						_	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		26
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	19.23	5
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	80.77	21
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0

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# **Table 7b: Reading Level Evaluation Results - Grade 3**

	1992-93		199	3-94	1994	<b>4-95</b>	199	5-96	199	6-97	1997	<b>7-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001023 Ross Elementary School												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		69
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	44.93	31
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	55.07	38
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
001024 South Crowley Elementary School											,	
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		85
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	47.06	40
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	52.94	45
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
District												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		778
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	35.73	278
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	64.27	500
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.00	0
State (Public)												
Students Assessed		~		~		~		~		~		56,800
Students Reading Below Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	38.00	21,585
Students Reading On Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	42.23	23,989
Students Reading Above Their Grade Level	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	19.76	11,226

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Educational tests such as criterion-referenced tests (CRTs) are, in one form or another, tests of academic achievement based on a pre-stated set of standards.

The CRTs administered in this state are part of the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) and are administered in April of each year to public school students at specified grade levels. For the secondary level, the CRT is the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE).

These tests are administered to all students with the exception of special education students whose educational program is Alternative to Regular Placement (ARP). The Progress Profiles Program reports scores for all students taking the tests. This reflects the same reporting format used by the LEAP.

In Louisiana, CRTs provide a measure of the extent to which students meet state-established, grade-level skill requirements in the following subject areas:

- Grades 3 and 5—Language Arts and Mathematics,
- Grade 7—Language Arts and Mathematics, and
- Secondary Level (GEE)—English Language Arts, Mathematics, Written Composition, Science, and Social Studies.

### **Organization**

Tables 8a - 8c provide CRT Results for Grades 3, 5, and 7, respectively, while Table 8d provides GEE test results for first-time GEE test takers. The tables present CRT results for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*, with schools shown in school site code order. Also, comparison data are presented for the district and the state.

The tables reflect both the number of students taking the test and the percent of students who meet or exceed standards for the respective grade levels. Thus, the percent of students passing a specific test is the percent scoring at or above the performance standard that the state has set in that subject area.

#### **Data Presentation:** School Report Cards

The 1997-98 School Report Cards present school, district, and state percent passing rates by grade level and subject area.

#### **Definition**

Criterion-referenced tests (CRTs)—tests that produce a score that tells how individuals/schools perform in achieving an established criteria; LEAP CRT results (as reported by *Progress Profiles*) show the number and percent of Louisiana students who meet or exceed state curriculum content standards.

#### **Data Source**

The CRT indicator is based on student-level data tapes provided to the LDE by National Computer Systems, test contractor for the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP).

# Table 8a: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 3

Percent of Students Passing and Number of Students Tested

		1992-93		1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent 1	Vumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001002	Branch Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	20	100	25	100	21	94	31	100	17	100	22
	Mathematics	100	20	100	25	100	21	97	31	100	17	100	22
001004	Church Point Elementary School												
	Language Arts	97	118	91	117	89	114	92	122	85	123	89	110
	Mathematics	100	114	97	116	96	114	97	121	97	121	93	108
001010	North Crowley Elementary School					1							
	Language Arts	91	102	100	77	98	87	90	81	97	71	90	69
	Mathematics	98	101	99	77	98	86	94	81	99	69	94	69
001011	Egan Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	18	100	20	94	31	100	25	100	22	96	25
	Mathematics	100	18	100	20	97	31	100	25	100	22	96	25
001012	Estherwood Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	19	100	23	92	24	96	27	100	21	86	22
	Mathematics	100	19	100	23	100	24	100	27	100	21	95	22
001013	Evangeline Elementary School												
	Language Arts	96	23	100	16	100	18	100	12	100	20	100	15
	Mathematics	96	23	100	16	100	18	100	12	100	20	100	15
001014	Iota Elementary School												
	Language Arts	95	61	89	66	100	61	98	57	97	65	97	67
	Mathematics	97	61	97	66	100	61	98	57	97	65	99	67
001016	Mermentau Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	13	100	15	95	21	94	18	96	24	96	25
	Mathematics	92	13	100	15	100	21	94	18	96	24	92	24
001018	Mire Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	38	100	32	93	45	94	47	100	46	96	51
	Mathematics	100	37	100	32	93	45	100	47	100	46	98	51
001019	Morse Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	23	100	23	96	24	100	19	92	24	100	21
	Mathematics	100	22	100	23	100	23	100	19	100	23	100	21
001020	Martin Petitjean Elementary School												
	Language Arts	94	151	97	153	97	147	96	166	91	152	96	157
	Mathematics	97	150	99	153	99	145	98	165	96	152	99	157

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Table 8a: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 3

Percent of Students Passing and Number of Students Tested

		1992-93		1993	3-94	1994	4-95	199	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	199	6-97	199	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001022	Richard Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	22	100	23	100	33	100	22	100	25	100	24
	Mathematics	100	22	96	23	100	33	100	22	100	25	100	24
001023	Ross Elementary School						ı						
	Language Arts	100	81	97	74	96	69	97	77	90	89	97	72
	Mathematics	100	80	96	74	99	69	96	77	96	89	93	72
001024	South Crowley Elementary School						ı						
	Language Arts	88	91	93	87	84	81	93	82	85	81	91	92
	Mathematics	93	88	92	86	86	79	90	81	96	81	88	92
District							ı						
	Language Arts	95	780	96	751	94	776	95	786	92	780	94	772
	Mathematics	98	768	97	749	97	770	97	783	97	775	95	769
State							ı						
	Language Arts	91	56,847	91	57,518	90	55,985	90	58,218	91	56,926	90	56,711
	Mathematics	90	56,593	91	57,278	90	55,728	89	58,034	91	56,792	88	56,534

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable. ~ = Unavailable Data

# **Table 8b: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 5**

Percent of Students Passing and Number of Students Tested

		1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		<b>1995-96</b> <sup>1</sup>		1996-97			
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent 1	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001002	Branch Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	22	100	24	95	20	96	27	100	26	100	22
	Mathematics	100	22	100	24	90	20	100	27	100	26	100	22
001004	Church Point Elementary School												
	Language Arts	~	~	~	~	~	~	94	112	92	108	87	108
	Mathematics	~	~	~	~	~	~	96	112	92	108	91	108
001006	Church Point Middle School												
	Language Arts	88	94	90	131	96	103	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Mathematics	86	94	97	130	98	103	~	~	~	~	~	~
001010	North Crowley Elementary School												
	Language Arts	93	99	88	83	95	88	93	86	91	93	87	78
	Mathematics	94	99	89	83	99	88	97	86	94	93	97	78
001011	Egan Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	19	100	15	100	21	100	25	100	31	100	19
	Mathematics	100	19	100	15	100	21	100	25	100	31	100	19
001012	Estherwood Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	27	92	12	100	20	100	24	100	24	100	21
	Mathematics	100	27	100	11	100	20	100	23	100	23	100	21
001013	Evangeline Elementary School												
	Language Arts	95	19	100	26	100	21	100	19	100	21	95	22
	Mathematics	100	20	100	26	100	21	100	19	100	21	91	22
001014	Iota Elementary School												
	Language Arts	99	69	100	50	100	53	100	69	97	75	100	55
	Mathematics	99	69	100	50	100	53	100	69	96	75	100	55
001016	Mermentau Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	16	91	22	95	20	100	14	100	23	100	20
	Mathematics	100	16	91	22	95	20	100	14	91	23	100	20
001018	Mire Elementary School												
	Language Arts	95	40	90	40	98	47	95	39	94	48	98	47
	Mathematics	100	39	100	40	100	47	98	40	98	48	100	47
001019	Morse Elementary School			-									
	Language Arts	90	31	86	21	100	27	96	26	77	31	96	25
	Mathematics	94	31	95	21	93	27	85	26	84	31	92	25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Table 8b: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 5

		199	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>4-95</b>	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	199	6-97	199'	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001022	Richard Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	25	100	34	96	26	96	24	100	32	96	26
	Mathematics	100	25	100	34	100	26	100	24	100	32	100	26
001023	Ross Elementary School				T								
	Language Arts	95	75	83	80	93	59	90	83	94	70	96	73
	Mathematics	91	74	89	80	97	59	89	82	96	70	96	73
001024	South Crowley Elementary School				ı								
	Language Arts	92	86	89	90	89	92	90	69	92	77	84	91
	Mathematics	95	86	82	92	92	91	94	69	91	77	91	91
001025	South Rayne Elementary School				ı								
	Language Arts	89	143	93	136	87	135	88	170	93	173	88	152
	Mathematics	96	143	97	136	97	135	95	170	98	173	95	152
District					ī								
	Language Arts	93	765	91	764	94	732	93	787	94	832	91	759
	Mathematics	95	764	94	764	97	731	96	786	95	831	96	759
State					ı								
	Language Arts	90	55,817	90	54,975	90	53,644	87	59,292	87	57,617	85	55,793
	Mathematics	90	55,725	91	54,885	91	53,564	89	59,183	89	57,637	88	55,716

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable. ~ = Unavailable Data

# Table 8c: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 7

		1992	2-93	1993	<b>3-94</b>	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	<b>'-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent 1	Vumber	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001001	Armstrong Middle School												
	Language Arts	84	164	83	159	81	132	88	145	95	131	89	160
	Mathematics	87	163	75	157	81	133	86	144	86	130	85	160
001002	Branch Elementary School												
	Language Arts	96	25	100	23	96	23	96	28	100	24	100	20
	Mathematics	100	25	100	23	96	23	96	28	100	24	100	20
001006	Church Point Middle School												
	Language Arts	84	97	85	81	94	95	97	119	97	104	94	94
	Mathematics	73	95	74	80	90	94	97	118	95	104	94	94
001008	Crowley Middle School												
	Language Arts	76	251	75	240	82	222	78	255	86	259	86	237
	Mathematics	61	246	58	242	47	222	68	255	83	258	83	235
001011	Egan Elementary School												
	Language Arts	95	19	100	21	100	25	100	20	97	29	100	23
	Mathematics	100	19	100	21	88	25	100	20	100	29	100	23
001012	Estherwood Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	27	97	30	100	26	89	19	100	25	100	19
	Mathematics	96	28	100	30	100	26	79	19	100	25	100	19
001013	Evangeline Elementary School												
	Language Arts	100	18	100	17	100	14	100	23	100	23	100	19
	Mathematics	100	18	100	17	100	13	100	23	100	23	95	19
001015	Iota High School												
	Language Arts	100	49	100	53	100	58	99	82	96	68	97	70
	Mathematics	100	48	92	53	100	57	98	82	97	68	99	70
001016	Mermentau Elementary School												
	Language Arts	94	18	100	16	95	19	94	16	94	18	100	16
	Mathematics	100	18	100	16	89	19	94	16	94	18	100	16
001018	Mire Elementary School												
	Language Arts	94	47	94	47	91	35	100	50	96	53	98	40
	Mathematics	100	47	96	47	94	35	100	50	100	52	98	40
001019	Morse Elementary School			,		1							
	Language Arts	100	28	90	21	100	30	100	22	100	29	97	30
	Mathematics	100	27	95	21	100	30	100	22	97	29	97	30

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Table 8c: Criterion-referenced Test (LEAP) Results - Grade 7

		199	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	<b>4-95</b>	199	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	199	6-97	1997	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001022	Richard Elementary School												
	Language Arts	95	21	100	24	100	22	100	34	100	26	100	23
	Mathematics	100	21	100	24	100	22	100	33	100	26	96	23
District													
	Language Arts	86	764	86	732	89	701	90	813	93	789	92	751
	Mathematics	81	755	77	731	77	699	86	810	91	786	90	749
State													
	Language Arts	88	55,206	89	54,345	88	53,799	87	57,198	86	56,041	85	57,215
	Mathematics	83	55,018	83	54,272	82	53,599	79	56,798	80	55,823	79	57,055

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable. ~ = Unavailable Data

# **Table 8d: Graduate Exit Examination (GEE) Results**

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	<b>5-96</b> <sup>1</sup>	1996	5-97	1997	7-98
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001005	Church Point High School												
	Language Arts	97	108	91	123	97	133	90	136	87	125	97	136
	Mathematics	90	109	76	123	84	132	65	132	67	126	77	137
	Written Composition	91	108	88	112	98	125	94	136	92	123	97	130
	Science	95	111	96	99	82	109	83	132	72	109	74	104
	Social Studies	94	111	95	100	89	106	88	130	80	114	88	107
001007	Crowley High School												
	Language Arts	85	197	82	207	88	171	87	193	76	176	84	174
	Mathematics	75	197	70	209	78	170	59	190	55	178	60	178
	Written Composition	86	180	83	205	98	167	92	192	85	174	97	174
	Science	82	175	80	155	81	172	80	139	75	174	89	157
	Social Studies	82	176	85	147	82	174	89	141	77	174	91	154
001015	Iota High School												
	Language Arts	96	85	99	75	92	89	96	99	94	80	96	103
	Mathematics	93	85	84	77	92	86	83	98	88	80	83	103
	Written Composition	94	85	97	74	99	86	94	99	95	78	100	98
	Science	95	83	97	89	92	77	94	83	95	96	98	81
	Social Studies	96	83	94	89	94	77	100	83	92	96	95	80
001017	Midland High School												
	Language Arts	86	42	90	52	95	55	97	67	87	54	96	52
	Mathematics	80	41	76	51	84	55	88	66	87	55	87	53
	Written Composition	88	40	94	48	100	54	94	65	94	53	100	52
	Science	78	40	89	37	77	48	91	53	85	66	82	44
	Social Studies	84	38	92	37	85	48	94	54	86	63	93	45
001021	Rayne High School												
	Language Arts	95	113	87	137	83	157	77	163	77	176	93	135
	Mathematics	78	113	74	137	80	156	67	159	56	179	72	137
	Written Composition	95	113	92	134	97	152	93	148	90	163	98	132
	Science	82	124	84	107	89	116	71	143	74	151	81	151
	Social Studies	94	124	91	104	89	117	87	140	81	150	83	153

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# **Table 8d: Graduate Exit Examination (GEE) Results**

		1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	4-95	199	5-96 <sup>1</sup>	199	<b>6-97</b>	1997	<b>7-98</b>
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
	Language Arts	91	545	88	594	90	605	88	658	82	611	92	600
	Mathematics	82	545	75	597	82	599	69	645	65	618	73	608
	Written Composition	90	526	89	573	98	584	93	640	90	591	98	586
	Science	86	533	88	487	84	522	81	550	78	596	84	537
	Social Studies	90	532	91	477	87	522	91	548	82	597	89	539
State													
	Language Arts	91	41,775	89	41,673	88	43,743	86	45,492	84	45,342	87	46,128
	Mathematics	83	41,697	79	41,603	80	43,654	77	45,381	77	45,307	76	46,004
	Written Composition	91	40,947	90	40,806	95	42,663	93	44,283	93	43,983	95	44,944
	Science	86	35,820	90	37,264	85	36,977	82	39,927	82	40,423	84	40,021
	Social Studies	90	35,778	90	37,230	90	36,998	90	39,989	88	40,407	88	39,891

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective with 1995-96, both regular and special education students are included in the calculations; hence, prior years' data are not comparable.

The Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) utilizes norm-referenced tests (NRTs) for national student comparisons with Louisiana students. From 1988 to 1992, Louisiana's NRT was the *California Achievement Test (CAT)* Form F, and from 1993 to 1997, Louisiana's NRT was the CAT/5. In 1997, the Iowa Tests were adopted for first administration in the spring of 1998. At grades 4, 6, and 8, the *Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)* were administered and at grades 9, 10, and 11, the *Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED)* were administered.

ITBS consists of thirteen tests in the subject areas of reading, language, mathematics, social studies, science, and sources of information. The Mathematics Computation test was administered only at grade 4; Mathematics Computation is not used to calculate the Math Total, Core Total, nor the Composite score. The *Iowa Tests of Basic Skills* Composite score is the average of the scores for Reading Total, Language Total, Mathematics Total, Social Studies, Science, and Sources of Information Total. The NRT data tables for grades 4, 6, and 8 in the *School Report Cards* and *District Composite Reports* are based on the Composite percentile rank of the average standard score.

ITED consists of seven tests: Vocabulary, Correctness and Appropriateness of Expression, Ability to Do Quantitative Thinking, Ability to Interpret Literacy Materials, Analysis of Social Studies Materials, Analysis of Science Materials, and Use of Sources of Information. The *Iowa Tests of Educational Development* Composite score is the average of the scores for the seven tests. The NRT data tables for grades 9, 10, and 11 in the *School Report Cards* and *District Composite Reports* are based on the Composite percentile rank of the average standard score.

These test are administered to all students with the exception of special education students whose educational program is Alternative to Regular Placement (ARP). Scores are reported for all students not requiring accommodations to the standardization administration procedures.

#### **Organization**

Tables 9a to 9f present 1997-98 NRT results for grades 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11, respectively. Test results are presented for all schools in the district receiving a *School Report Card*, with schools listed in site code order. District, state, and national results are presented for comparison purposes.

Data are grouped as follows:

- Quartile 4--the percent of students who scored in the top 25% of students in the national norm group. If 32 of 100 students scored this high, Quartile 4 would read 32 percent.
- *Quartile 3*--the percent of students who scored between the 50th and the 74th national percentiles.
- *Quartile 2--* the percent of students who scored between the 25th and 49th national percentiles.
- *Quartile 1*--the percent of students who scored between the 1st and 24th national percentiles.
- Percentile Rank of the Average Standard Score for the National Student Norms-- percentile rank of the average student in the school, district, or state. For example, a percentile rank of 48 for a school means that 48 percent of the students in the norm group scored at or below the average score obtained by the students in the school.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The 1997-98 School Report Cards present percentile rank of the average standard score for the national student norms at the school, district, and state levels.

#### **Definition**

*Norm-referenced tests (NRTs)--* These tests produce scores that tell how schools/individuals perform in comparison with other schools/individuals; LEAP NRT results (as reported by the *Progress Profiles*) show how Louisiana schools perform when compared with the district, state, and nation.

#### **Data Source**

The NRT indicator is based on student-level data provided to the Louisiana Department of Education by Riverside Publishing, test contractor for The Iowa Tests.

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
001002	Branch Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	47.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
001004	Church Point Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	3.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	54.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
001010	North Crowley Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	3.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	39.0
001011	Egan Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	46.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	49.0
001012	Estherwood Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	7.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	46.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
001013	Evangeline Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	38.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.2
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	47.0
001014	Iota Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
001016	Mermentau Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	52.0
001018	Mire Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	41.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	51.0
001019	Morse Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.2
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	40.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
001022	Richard Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	42.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	7.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	53.0
001023	Ross Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	3.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	49.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	30.0
001024	South Crowley Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	3.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	56.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	23.0
001025	South Rayne Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	42.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	32.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	37.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	42.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

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		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
001001	Armstrong Middle School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	2	2	2	11.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	42.0
001002	Branch Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	46.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	43.0
001006	Church Point Middle School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	38.0
001008	Crowley Middle School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	36.0
001011	Egan Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	54.2
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

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		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
001012	Estherwood Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	2	2	2	52.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	47.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	77.0
001013	Evangeline Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	52.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	39.0
001015	Iota High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
001016	Mermentau Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	62.0
001018	Mire Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	46.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

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		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
001019	Morse Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	~	~	2	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0
001022	Richard Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	51.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	52.0
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

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		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
001001	Armstrong Middle School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	2	2	2	2	12.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	48.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	47.0
001002	Branch Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	42.0
001005	Church Point High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	100.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	4.0
001006	Church Point Middle School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.2
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	37.0
001007	Crowley High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	100.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	8.0

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<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
001008	Crowley Middle School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	2	2	2	6.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	37.0
001011	Egan Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	47.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	54.0
001013	Evangeline Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	7.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	36.0
001015	Iota High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	46.0
001017	Midland High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	7.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	47.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	40.0

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		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
001018	Mire Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	56.0
001021	Rayne High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	0.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	41.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	41.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	27.0
001022	Richard Elementary School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	55.0

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<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.5
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

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<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
001005	Church Point High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.1
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.7
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.4
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
001007	Crowley High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	7.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	48.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	29.0
001015	Iota High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	48.0
001017	Midland High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	6.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	27.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	47.9
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	18.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
001021	Rayne High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	34.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	39.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	16.4
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.1
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.9
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	43.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	<b>1997-98</b> <sup>1</sup>
001005	Church Point High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	2	2	7.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.8
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	39.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	35.0
001007	Crowley High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	8.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	20.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	53.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	30.0
001015	Iota High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.6
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	41.2
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	47.0
001017	Midland High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.5
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	46.9
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	48.0
001021	Rayne High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	14.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	21.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.7
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	43.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	10.7
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	32.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	35.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	38.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	24.2
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	30.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	44.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 <sup>1</sup>
001005	Church Point High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.5
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	31.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	40.0
001007	Crowley High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	4.3
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	15.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.4
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	54.3
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	27.0
001015	Iota High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.9
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	26.4
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.1
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	23.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	45.0
001017	Midland High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	12.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	17.9
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	43.6
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
001021	Rayne High School						
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	13.2
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	11.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	38.7
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	36.8
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	37.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
District							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	9.8
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.3
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	33.3
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	37.6
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	36.0
State							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	19.6
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	22.8
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	29.5
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	28.1
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	45.0
Nation							
	Fourth Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Third Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Second Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	First Quartile	~	~	~	~	~	25.0
	Percentile Rank	~	~	~	~	~	50.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 1997-98, the state NRT changed from the CAT/5 to The Iowa Tests; hence, prior years' data are not presented.

<sup>~ =</sup> Unavailable Data

# Part 5. College Readiness

American College Test (ACT) Results	5-1
First-Time Freshmen Performance	5-3

Scores on the American College Test (ACT) are widely used as an indicator of student preparedness for college. Most Louisiana public colleges and universities require that entering students take the ACT for admissions or placement purposes.

#### **Organization**

Table 10, American College Test (ACT) Results, presents average composite scores for graduating seniors for each school in the district receiving a *School Report Card*. Schools are shown in school site code order. Comparison data are presented for the district (public schools only), the state (public and nonpublic schools combined), and the nation (public and nonpublic schools combined).

The ACT results shown include test scores for 1) twelfth graders who took the test in the current year and 2) twelfth graders who took the test as eleventh graders and elected not to retake it as seniors. If a student took the test in both the eleventh and twelfth grades, only the twelfth grade score has been included.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

A college readiness indicator that includes ACT information is presented on the 1997-98 School Report Cards of those schools that have a twelfth grade. The School Report Cards present 1997-98 average ACT composite scores at the school, district, state, and national levels.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The ACT composite score is an average score based on the scores for the four ACT assessment tests (English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning). The composite score, which ranges from 1 to 36, is a measure of the student's general educational development across these four subject areas.

#### **Data Source**

The ACT indicator is based on student-level data supplied to the LDE by the testing contractor, American College Testing.

#### References

Franklin, B.J., and Crone, L.J., (1993, April). *Louisiana Progress Profiles*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Atlanta, Ga.

LDE researchers have found the ACT performance of Louisiana students correlates highly with their performance on LEAP (CRT and NRT) tests. Further, those districts with the highest percentage of students taking the ACT have the highest ACT scores. This finding tends to dispute a widelyheld assumption that the higher the percentage of students taking the ACT, the lower the average score (Franklin and Crone, 1993).

# **Table 10: American College Test (ACT) Results**

# Average Composite Scores

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
001005 Church Point High School	18.4	20.1	19.3	18.9	19.0	19.0
001007 Crowley High School	18.9	18.5	18.6	18.2	18.3	17.9
001015 Iota High School	19.5	19.4	20.5	18.6	20.0	20.9
001017 Midland High School	19.9	18.7	19.4	19.0	19.8	18.9
001021 Rayne High School	18.2	17.2	18.5	17.9	17.8	18.1
District (Public)	18.8	18.7	19.1	18.4	18.8	18.9
State (Public and Nonpublic)	19.5	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.5
Nation (Public and Nonpublic)	20.7	20.8	20.8	20.9	21.0	21.0

The number of freshmen who enroll in remedial courses during their first semester of college is one measure of the extent to which high school graduates are prepared for college.

Since 1987, the Louisiana Board of Regents has collected and reported information on the number of Louisiana high school graduates who enroll in Louisiana colleges and universities the following fall and enroll in remedial/developmental courses. The 1993 Legislature, believing that parents should have access to this information, enacted legislation mandating that this first-time college freshmen data be incorporated into the *Progress Profiles*.

#### **Organization**

Table 11, First-time College Freshmen Performance, presents the number and percent of students who 1) graduated from *Report Card* schools and 2) enrolled as first-time freshmen during the following fall semester at any of the state's two- and four-year public and private universities. The table also reports the number and percent of first-time college freshmen who were enrolled in at least one remedial course during their first regular semester of college study.

#### Data Presentation: School Report Card

The college readiness indicator that includes first-time college freshmen information is presented on the 1997-98 School Report Cards of schools that have a twelfth grade.

Note: The first-time college freshmen data reported on 1997-98 School Report Cards represent information on 1996-97 high school graduates.

#### **Definitions**

 First-time college freshman—a student who graduates from high school during a given school year and is enrolled full time in a Louisiana higher education institution the following fall semester. A student must begin the fall semester with fewer than 12 hours of credit previously attempted (not including advanced placement credits and correspondence study) to be considered a first-time freshman.

#### Formula Used to Calculate First-time College Freshmen Percentages

Percent of High School Graduates Who
Were First-time College Freshmen = Number of First-time College Freshmen
Total Number of High School Graduates X 100

Percent of First-time College Freshmen
Who Enrolled in a Remedial Course = Number of First-time College Freshmen
Who Enrolled in a Remedial Course
Total Number of First-time College
Freshmen

- *Graduate*—a student who successfully completes a BESE-approved education program, passes the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE), and thus earns a state-approved diploma. Students who earn GEDs are not included.
- Remedial course—a course designed by a university to prepare students to succeed academically in college-level courses. Remedial/developmental courses may be offered for college credit (i.e., they are taken into consideration in determining whether students are enrolled part time or full time) but do not carry degree credit.

#### **Method of Calculation**

The two formulas used in calculating the first-time college freshmen indicator are presented on the preceding page. The percent of high school graduates who become first-time college freshmen is calculated for public school graduates who attend in-state public colleges and universities.

#### **Data Sources**

The first-time college freshmen indicator is based on data submitted to the LDE by Louisiana public and private universities to LDE in compliance with La. R.S. 17:3912 (since repealed).

Table 11 First-time College Freshmen Performance

	1992	2-93	1993	3-94	1994	-95	1995	5-96	1990	5-97	199'	7-98
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent N	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
001005 Church Point High School												
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		108		109		114		91		116		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	26.85	29	40.37	44	39.47	45	43.96	40	34.48	40	?	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	44.83	13	70.45	31	55.56	25	70.00	28	50.00	20	~	~
001007 Crowley High School			_				,		,			
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		132		133		167		145		131		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	46.21	61	57.14	76	41.92	70	43.45	63	38.93	51	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	50.82	31	65.79	50	47.14	33	68.25	43	54.90	28	~	~
001015 Iota High School												
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		78		84		80		87		83		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	52.56	41	46.43	39	38.75	31	35.63	31	42.17	35	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	31.71	13	48.72	19	51.61	16	35.48	11	51.43	18	~	~
001017 Midland High School			Г									
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		26		36		39		33		48		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	34.62	9	33.33	12	20.51	8	48.48		27.08	13	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	33.33	3	50.00	6	50.00	4	50.00	8	38.46	5	~	~
001021 Rayne High School			Г									
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		123		130		119		105		141		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	29.27	36	31.54	41	28.57	34	36.19		23.40	33	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	47.22	17	51.22	21	61.76	21	50.00	19	78.79	26	~	~
District (Public)			Г									
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>	_	467		492		519		461		519		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen	37.69	176	43.09	212	36.22	188	40.78	188	33.14	172	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	43.75	77	59.91	127	52.66	99	57.98	109	56.39	97	~	~
State (Public)			Г				ļ I		ļ I			
Number of High School Graduates <sup>1</sup>		33,593		33,772		34,937		36,275		36,407		~
HS Graduates Who Were First-time College Freshmen		12,986		14,912	40.30			14,608		,	~	~
First-time Freshmen Enrolled in College Remedial Courses	53.70	6,973	55.00	8,201	47.77	6,726	48.64	7,106	49.93	6,839	~	~

Represents graduates from the previous school year.
 Unavailable data

- aggregate days attendance—the sum of the total number of days that students are *present* at the school site over the course of the school year.
- aggregate days membership—the sum of the total number of days that students are *enrolled* (but not necessarily *present* at the school site) over the course of the school year.
- class—a grouping of children under the primary supervision and instruction of an individual teacher for all or part of the instructional day, as reported for purposes of the *Annual School Report* (ASR) and identifiable by a specific ASR course code.
- combination school category—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-12 range and is not described by any of the other school category definitions. These schools generally contain some grades in the K-6 range and grades in the 9-12 range. Examples would include grade configurations such as K-12, K-3, 9-12, 4-6, and 9-12.
- criterion-referenced test (CRT)—tests that produce a score that tells how individuals/schools perform in achieving an established criterion; LEAP CRT results (as reported by *Progress Profiles*) show the number and percent of Louisiana students who meet or exceed state curriculum content standards.
- cumulative enrollment—the sum of all students enrolled in a school or district for at least one school day during the course of the school year, used as the denominator for calculating school- and district-level suspension and expulsion percents.
- day of attendance—a student is considered in attendance when he or she 1) is physically present at a school site or is participating in an authorized school activity and 2) is under the supervision of authorized personnel. This definition extends to students who are homebound, assigned to and participating in drug rehabilitation programs that contain a state-approved education component, or participating in school-authorized field trips.
  - "Students who meet the above criteria and are present at the school site for 26-50% of the student's instructional day shall be credited with a half day's attendance. Those who meet the above

- criteria and are present for at least 51% of the student's instructional day are credited with a whole day's attendance. Students who are not physically present or who are participating for 25% or less of their instructional day will be considered absent for reporting purposes. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, shall be counted as an absence for reporting to the Department." (Bulletin 741)
- dropout—the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) defines a dropout as "an individual who was enrolled in school at some time during the previous school year, was not enrolled at the beginning of the current school year, has not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program, and does not meet any of the following exclusive conditions: transfer to another public school district, private school, or state- or district-approved education program; temporary absence due to suspension or school-approved illness; or death."
  - "For purposes of applying the dropout definition, the following definitions also apply:
  - 1. A school year is defined as the 12-month period of time beginning October 1 and ending September 30.
  - 2. An individual has graduated from high school or completed a state- or district-approved education program upon receipt of formal recognition from school authorities.
  - 3. A state or district approved program is one that leads to receipt of formal recognition from school authorities. It may include special education programs, home-based instruction, and school-sponsored secondary (but *NOT* adult) programs leading to a GED or some other certification differing from the regular diploma" (NCES, 1993).
- *elementary school category*—any school whose grade structure falls within the K-8 range, excludes grades in the 9-12 range, and does not fit the definition for middle/junior high.
- faculty—school-based instructional personnel. In addition to full-time classroom teachers, these individuals include principals, assistant

- principals, guidance counselors, librarians, and other instructional staff (provided they teach at least one course).
- first-time college freshman—a student who graduates from high school during a given school year and is enrolled full time in a Louisiana higher education institution the following fall semester. A student must begin the fall semester with fewer than 12 hours credit previously attempted (not including advanced placement credits and correspondence study) to be considered a first-time freshman.
- graduate—a student who successfully completes a BESE-approved education program, passes the Graduation Exit Examination (GEE), and thus earns a state-approved diploma. Students who earn GEDs are not included.
- *high school category*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 6-12 range and includes grades in the 10-12 range, or any school that contains only grade 9.
- *in-school expulsion*—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a period of time specified by the LEA and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- *in-school suspension*—student is temporarily removed from his/her usual classroom placement to an alternative setting for a minimum of one complete school day and no interruption of instructional services occurs.
- Percentile rank of average standard scores for national student norms—percentile rank of the average student in the school, district, or state. For example, a percentile rank of 48 for a school means that 48 percent of the students in the norm group scored at or below the average score obtained by the students in the school.
- *middle/junior high category*—any school whose grade structure falls within the 4-9 range, includes grades 7 or 8 and excludes grades in the K-3 and 10-12 ranges.

- norm-referenced test (NRT)—tests that produce a score that tells how individuals/schools perform in comparison with other individuals/schools; LEAP NRT results (as reported by *Progress Profiles*) show how Louisiana schools perform when compared with the district, state, and nation.
- October 1 membership—total number of students enrolled in a school on October 1, which is operationally defined by NCES as the first day of the academic school year.
- *out-of-school expulsion*—removal (exit) of a student from school for a determined number of days with no provision of instructional services.
- out-of-school suspension—student is temporarily prohibited from participation in his/her usual placement within school with no provision of instructional service; only suspensions resulting in removal for at least one full day are included.
- percent of student attendance—the ratio of aggregate days student attendance to aggregate days membership.
- remedial course—a course designed by a university to prepare students to succeed academically in college-level courses. Remedial/developmental courses may be offered for college credit (i.e., they are taken into consideration in determining whether students are part-time or full-time) but do not carry degree credit.